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## First English Passenger Locomotive.

In an article on this subject in the December number of the *National Car Builder*, we borrow the accompanying illustration of the earliest of the English passenger engines. The *Car Builder* says:

"The engraving represents the locomotive and tender wagons used in hauling the first train of cars over the Stockton and Darlington Railroad, in England, fifty years ago. The train consisted of a number of coal, merchandise and passenger wagons, and ran over the track at the very moderate speed of eight miles an hour. The event, as our readers are aware, has recently been celebrated with much enthusiasm as the practical inauguration of the great railroad system of the world. The locomotive and wagons, as represented in the cut, have been placed upon a massive pedestal, as a monument to indicate the rude germ which has since expanded into such amazing development.

"The plain, straight boiler, 10 feet in length by 4 in diameter, has a single flue and 60 square feet of heating surface. The safety valve lifted at 25 pounds pressure. Above the generator are two cylinders, 10 inches in length by 21 inches stroke, their pistons working cross beams which were coupled to the connecting rods, which in turn rotated the wheels. A loose eccentric sheave and bell cranks operated the flat slide valves; and from a crosshead on the piston rod, the pump was worked. Add a wooden framework, no brakes, a little tender capable of holding 240 gallons of water, and the picture of the machine which annihilated the pet theories of the majority of the skilled engineers of its day, is complete.

"The ludicrous contrast between this comparatively clumsy and diminutive machine, and the ponderous and powerful locomotives of the present day, can be seen at a glance by every one who is familiar with the construction and capacities of the latter, a contrast that is fairly exemplified in the speed of eight miles per hour as compared with sixty miles."

One of those who was present at the Darlington exhibition gives the following account of this old engine and the way she worked:

"The great center of attraction was the Locomotion. The old engine had been mounted on baulks of timber with the wheels clear of the rails; the pistons had been drawn and packed, the gear is generally cleaned up, tightened and put in order, the glands packed, and steam was led to the cylinders—not to the boiler—by a pipe, and so the wheels once more revolved under the influence of steam. How many years have elapsed since steam was in these cylinders before we cannot say, but the engine turned round freely, and the curious action of the parallel motion gear could be seen; and so the old locomotive, the Adam of passenger engines lived once more. A similar engine, the Hope, built about the same time, was broken up long since. It is not remarkable that this engine attracted the attention of qualified engineers, but the interest taken in its performance by the good people of Darlington was apparently much deeper. They were never tired of examining her. They came back again and again, and we heard not one disparaging remark concerning the workmanship, but many an encomium from the older men, who probably remembered something of her performances."

The workmanship of these early engines must have been wonderfully good, for, in looking at a list of them, we find that many of them continued in use until very recent dates, and, if we are not mistaken, some are still at work.

## Maires' Patent Folding Table.

Folding tables of various kinds have been in the market for some time, in competition with the ordinary lap or cutting board, but, owing to weak and flimsy construction, bad design and high price, they have not met with a very general sale. The folding table is, however, a very desirable convenience. Its importance may be seen from the fact that some fifty different styles have been patented. The table which we illustrate is the result of an attempt to combine convenience and portability when folded, steadiness when open, and at the same time to make the cost small. The difficulties are apparently met and overcome in this table, which is manufactured by Mr. John Maires, of Troy, N. Y. When folded it will be

seen that the table takes up very little space, a very desirable thing where it is necessary to economize room. When folded its parts are held in place by four springs which, when the table is open, act as braces, and keep it as firm as an ordinary table of the same weight. There is a large drawer beneath the table, kept securely closed when the table is folded, and upon the top is a yard measure divided into feet and inches. These tables are made up in three regular styles, the best being of black walnut at \$4.00, the cheapest at \$2.50. Beside these regular kinds Mr. Maires makes any size and style of this table to order, adapting it to any particular kind of work.

## Specifications.

In the course of his introductory lecture in

which he drew your client on, or allow him to go forward into having the execution of them proceeded with. In so far as you allow your plans, in a state in which you ought better than any one else to know that they are incomplete and immature, to be begun and proceeded with in execution, you are laying up vexations for all concerned—losses and disappointments for your employer, and therefore grief for yourself. Now I have to tell you that the designs for the execution of any important piece of work, and even for the execution of pieces of work of minor importance, in almost all cases cannot be completely made and completely exhibited by drawings alone. It is necessary, also, in each case for the designer to write out a specification of various particulars to be attended to in the execution of the work. The nature and scope of a specification for the exe-

though perhaps of great importance, would otherwise have escaped notice; and, secondly, the requirement for a good and clear specification involves this most important condition with the architect or engineer himself—that, in fact, he cannot draw it up at all without first finding out what the design or work is that he wants to specify definitely, and what parts of his project must considerably be left unsettled and open for future decision. When he applies himself with earnest determination to draw up a specification well, he can scarcely let much pass unnoticed by mere inadvertence, as he is quite apt to do when he proceeds without a specification. I have been led to make these remarks because I have learned that a practice is adopted and worked upon by many architects—worked upon very generally in the profession, it has been from various quarters

## The Price of Boiling in Pittsburgh.

The American Manufacturer of the 2d inst. says:

On last Friday evening the manufacturers and boilers met according to adjournment to confer relative to the price of boiling in this city for the winter. It will be remembered that four weeks ago, at a conference, the price for boiling was fixed temporarily at \$5 per ton, and the meeting adjourned with the understanding that both parties were to get information as to the price paid in the East for boiling iron, this price being in dispute between them.

The report of the results presented showed that something like 100 mills had been heard from, but all rail mills, except those that made merchant iron also, were excluded, as were all mills that were idle or were stopped by reason

of labor difficulties. This left 57 mills, and at these the average price for boiling, including what was paid from the office, and making no allowance for charcoal iron, was \$4.45, and for puddling \$3.91. The highest price paid for boiling was \$5.40, including 15 cents per ton from office, but this was all charcoal iron, which, according to the practice in this city, is worth \$1 per ton more than common iron. At the mills paying this price the men have been notified that they must accept a reduction. The table also showed that one mill in Philadelphia was still paying \$5.50, but this has been reduced to \$5, and will be still further reduced. The lowest price for boiling was at a New England mill—\$3.83, with no extras. The highest price for puddling was \$4.50. This was for all charcoal iron for plates. The lowest price for puddling was \$3.50.

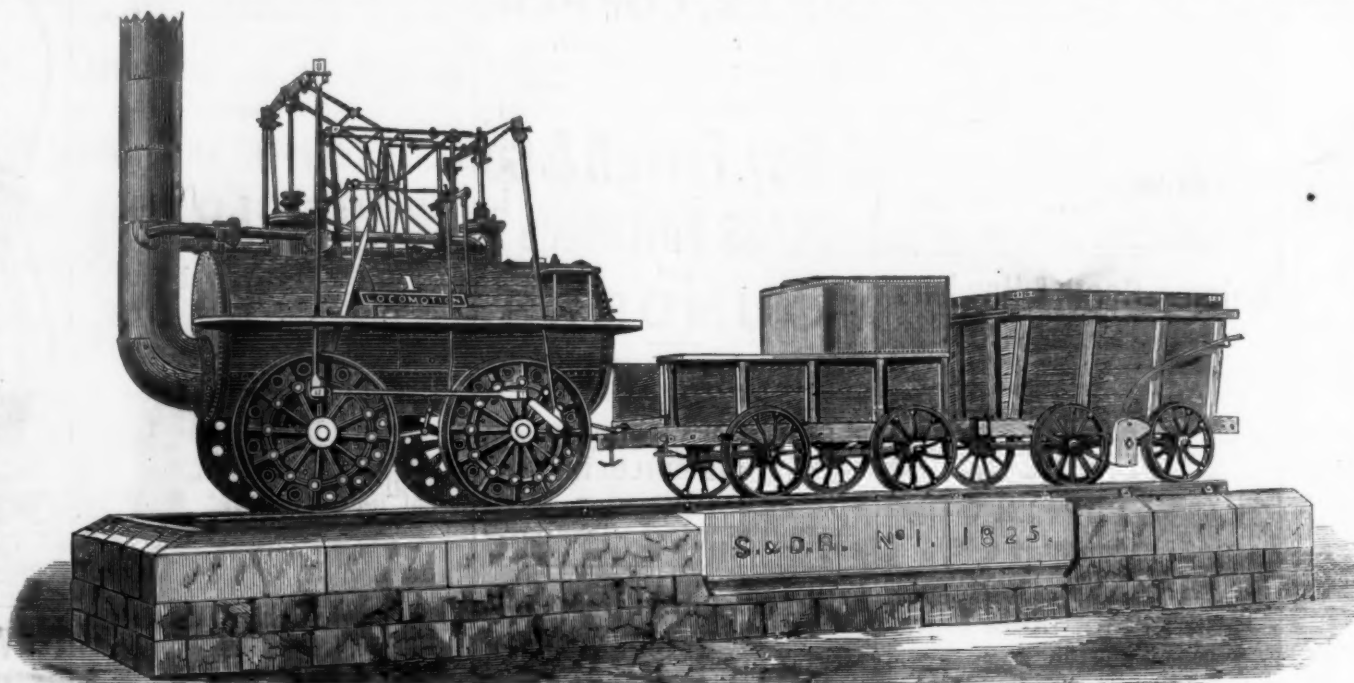
As to the correctness of these prices we can vouch. There has been an endeavor to weaken the force of these figures by asserting that Eastern iron was inferior. If by this it is meant that Eastern pig is inferior, then boiling and puddling should be higher in the East, as it is much more difficult to work poor iron than to work good. If this is not the point, then it isn't worth a cent as an argument, as it is with pig that the puddlers have to do.

Nothing was accomplished at the meeting, and an adjournment was had until Tuesday, Dec. 7th. What the result will be it is impossible to even guess. We do not believe that the manufacturers will pay one cent above the price they offered, \$4.50, for the simple reason that they cannot afford to do so. At present prices there is not a manufacturer in the city getting back the money he puts into his iron, and it will be folly for him to run this winter. Indeed, it is a question worthy of the most serious consideration, whether it is not better to stop entirely. There is so much iron pressing the market that the price will be kept down until the consumptive demand increases.

The whaling fleet from New Bedford, Mass., this season numbers 50 vessels, nearly every whaler that has come home during the year having been immediately refitted, and the fleet having done well everywhere, with a number of exceptionally good catches, the average catch of the season being 1350 barrels of whale oil per vessel. There are in port now only 10 whalers, including one ship, seven barks and two schooners. The report

from San Francisco gives the catch of whale oil there at half a million of dollars. The whole whale fleet does not exceed 200 vessels, against a fleet of a thousand vessels 40 years ago. Nevertheless the business seems to be re-perpetuating from the disastrous prostration caused by the deluge of the oil markets of the world with Pennsylvania petroleum, and the terrible losses in the Arctic seas. Perhaps the great falling off in the number of whalers has allowed the whales time to breed again, for toward the last few years before the petroleum mania the excessive slaughter of whales had rendered the fisheries precarious and unprofitable. They are no longer regarded as of much value as nurseries for seamen, the sharp practice of the skippers having driven all valuable sailors out of the service and filled it up with the riff-raff of all nations and all climes. Scarcely any good sailor who has any respect for himself will now continue long in any of the New England whalers.

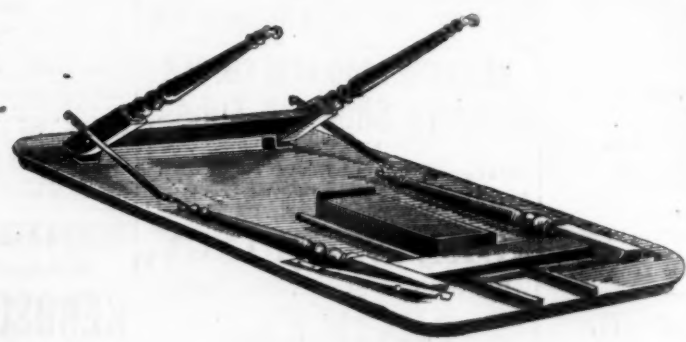
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ings many things are likely to be thought of which ought to be distinctly stated as written instructions for the builder or maker, but which, if not noted at the time, may be liable to be afterward overlooked and forgotten. Then, when the drawings are complete, or are supposed to be nearly so, the time comes for writing out a specification in all its desirable completeness. The primary and main object of a specification may be briefly described as being to give, fully and clearly, all necessary and useful written explanations and instructions for the execution of the work; and, in the case of works to be executed by contract, for making due preparations for the effecting of a definite and clear bargain between the contractor offering to execute the work and the person or company accepting his offer. But, while this is the primary and main object, there are two incidental objects of no trivial importance, which I shall now mention:—Firstly, the specification, when submitted to the person or company for whom the work is to be done, affords the best possible means for understanding the drawings, and for judging on many points in the proposed scheme, which,

ly, just this—that the designs themselves have neither been fully delineated on paper in the drawings, nor have been formed with sufficient completeness in any human brain. When work is begun in this way, things sometimes go forward at first with great ease and satisfaction; each person is relying upon the others, and even the architect himself has not distinctly realized how incomplete the designs and instruction he has given really are. But soon a time arrives when difficulties begin to show themselves. Some things are found to be ill arranged in their relations to other things; some things essential to be contrived have been unnoticed or forgotten altogether; the builders have to spend much valuable time that ought not to have been required in calling at the office of the architect to ask what they are to do next, or how they are to proceed with some part of the work already begun or far advanced, but in respect to which some alteration of plan is contemplated, but not yet arranged or decided on. Troubles and anxieties proceed; but now I will draw the curtain over my unfinished picture of the consequences of proceeding to the execution of important works without a specification.



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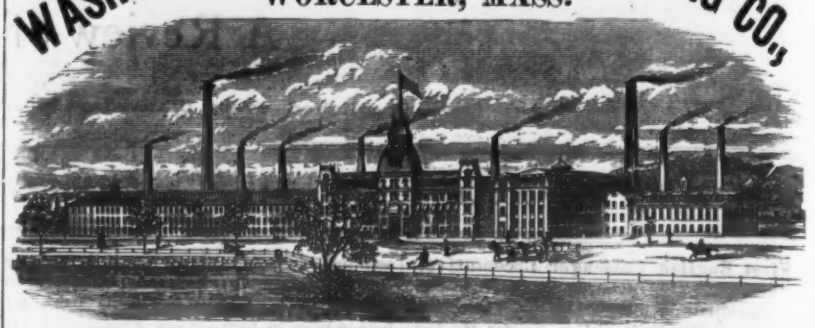
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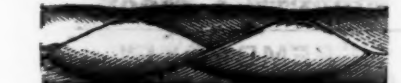
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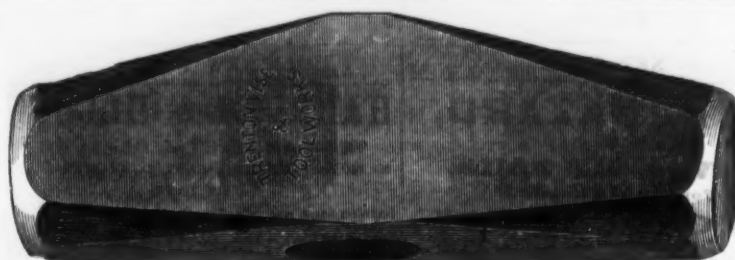


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## The Legality of a Coal Combination.

Arguments were heard, on the 27th ult., by the Supreme Court of the State of Pennsylvania, relative to the granting of a preliminary injunction in an important suit of which the following is a synopsis:

H. L. CAKE, ET AL. vs. PHILADELPHIA COAL COMPANY, ET AL.

The complainants first aver the fact that the Philadelphia Coal Company and the Green Land Company were chartered, giving dates, and then stated that on the 28th of May, 1874, said companies entered into a written contract with each other, in which complainants were interested as parties of the one part. The Philadelphia Coal Company owned and operated three valuable collieries in this county, working the Mammoth Vein. Before the contract previously mentioned was entered into, the Philadelphia Coal Company was governed and managed by a board of five directors, viz: Geo. W. Huntzinger, Henry L. Cake, G. Dawson Coleman, Jacob Huntzinger and David P. Brown. Up to and prior to reducing the afore-said contract to writing, the verbal agreement and terms of Cake and G. W. Huntzinger in relation to the sale of a portion of their stock in the Philadelphia Coal Company, were with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, the negotiations were with the officers of that company, and the consideration for said stock was to have been paid and was paid by the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company; and it wasn't until the contract was being reduced to writing that complainants first heard of the Green Land Company and the desire of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company that the Green Land Company should be a party to the contract in their stead. The verbal agreement was for the sale of 17,500 shares of the capital stock of the Philadelphia Coal Company, but when it came to writing the contract of the Green Land Company demanded sufficient stock to give them control of the board of directors. So four additional shares of stock were transferred to them and a contract entered into. On the 3d of June, 1874, Jacob Huntzinger resigned his position as director, and later in the same month H. L. Cake, G. W. Huntzinger, Asa Packer, Israel W. Morris and Geo. B. Markle were elected directors of the Philadelphia Coal Company, the last three being designated by virtue of the contract. So the Philadelphia Coal Company passed under the management of the Green Land Company, 17,504 shares of stock being vested in that corporation and 17,496 shares in the complainants.

In the leases granted to the Philadelphia Coal Company by the city of Philadelphia, trustees under the will of Stephen Girard, it was stipulated that "the lessees shall and will work the mines *bona fide*, continuously, and with all due diligence, to the same extent that mines of the same capacity are usually worked, taking into consideration the season of the year, the demand for coal, and the facilities for transportation of it to market." By the terms of the leases as well as by the true intent of the contract made it was incumbent on the present management as the Philadelphia Coal Company to work the three collieries *bona fide*, continuously, and with all due diligence, to the same extent that mines of the same capacity are usually worked; both to comply with the leases and for the profit of the stockholders. The collieries, it is alleged, can only lie idle at the risk of great and serious damages.

We come now to that portion of the case of most interest and which justifies the statement that it arises directly from the long strike. After stating that Morris and Packer were directors of the Green Land Company, at the time they were directors of the Philadelphia Coal Company; that G. B. Markle was a stockholder in the Lehigh Railroad Company, a corporation asserted to be the principal owner of stock in the Green Land Company, and that Asa Packer was, and is, a large, if not the largest, stockholder in the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, the complainants go on to say: "That a short time before the first day of January last, an unlawful combination, confederacy and agreement was entered into by and between certain corporations, including the Wilkesbarre Coal and Iron Company, the Pennsylvania Coal Company, the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, together with other railroad and coal companies, who, together, owned over 200,000 acres of anthracite coal land, the same being nearly the entire body of such coal lands in the state of Pennsylvania and of the world, as well as most of the outlets to market therefrom, whereby the said corporations were enabled to control the cost of production and the prices of coal in such an arbitrary manner as would enable them to oppress the consumers of coal and subject the miners and laborers about the mines to such reduced rates of wages as they might dictate. That such combined companies owned and controlled not less than \$200,000,000 in value in anthracite coal lands, railroads, and their appurtenances. That said corporations, owning and possessing such a vast amount of capital, and possessed with extraordinary powers, sought by such combination, confederacy and agreement together to act as a unit in the control of the prices of coal and the cost of production as aforesaid. That the said corporation so unlawfully combining, confederating and agreeing together, had, among other things, the object and purpose of reducing the wages of the miners and laborers working in and about the coal mines in the whole of the anthracite coal lands aforesaid. That the said Lehigh Valley Railroad Company is also a large owner, directly or indirectly, through other corporations whose stock it owns, including that of the Green Land Company as aforesaid, in said anthracite coal lands, amounting to many thousands of acres. That in the said unlawful combination, confederacy and agreement, the said Lehigh Valley Railroad Com-

pany, the Green Land Company, and the said Israel W. Morris, Asa Packer, and George B. Markle were sympathizers, aiders and supporters."

The result of this combination was to suspend mining operations in the anthracite fields, stopping, among others, the collieries of the Philadelphia Coal Company. This stoppage was against the consent and remonstrance of the complainants, who urged that the men should be paid the wages they demanded and the collieries run full handed. In consequence of the stoppage, which lasted from the 1st of January until June 20, an opportunity to mine, ship and sell 150,000 tons of coal was lost. A profit of \$2 a ton could have been made on this coal. Thus \$300,000 was lost. The complainants also state that by the stoppage the mines of the Philadelphia Coal Company were damaged at least \$100,000. Morris, Markle and Packer, it is claimed, have become liable to pay to the Philadelphia Coal Company \$400,000, loss of profits and damages to the mines.

The complainants "further aver and say, that the said Green Land Company, upon the claim that the profits of the said Philadelphia Coal Company, for the year ending June 1st, 1875, have not been sufficient to pay the amount of profits to accrue to the said Philadelphia Coal Company, according to the guarantee and undertakings of said complainants in said contract, threaten to sell a portion of the collaterals received from the said complainants, viz: So many of the bonds of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., held as collateral security as aforesaid, as may be necessary to make up the sum of \$108,769.15, with interest from the first day of June last, on the 30th day of November, A. D. 1875, at the Merchant's Exchange, in the city of Philadelphia, at 13 o'clock noon, by M. Thomas & Sons, auctioneers."

Upon this showing, the complainants ask the Court to grant a preliminary injunction to restrain Thomas & Sons from disposing of the bonds on the 30th of November, and to restrain the Green Land Company "from selling or otherwise disposing of all or any portion of said bonds, either at public or private sale, at any other time or place, contrary to the consent and agreement of the said complainants;" also to order an account between complainants and defendants, the latter to be charged with the loss of profits and damages mentioned before; also to declare null and void the contract "made between the said complainants of the first part and the said Green Land Company of the second part, or such parts thereof as may be determined by this Honorable Court, *ultra vires*, and beyond the legal authority of the said Green Land Company to make and enter into;" and also that the Court "shall further order and decree that the said \$300,000 of the bonds of the said Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, and said 17,504 shares of stock in the said Philadelphia Coal Company, held by the Green Land Company, and belonging to these complainants as aforesaid, shall be surrendered and delivered up to the said complainants."

## Postal Facts and Figures.

The annual report of the Postmaster-General shows that the receipts of the department from all sources for the fiscal year were \$27,441,330, and the expenditures \$33,611,309. During the year 307 persons were arrested charged with various violations of the postal laws, the greater portion of whom were not connected with the postal service. The money order department, the annual transactions of which have reached about \$80,000,000, shows an apparent profit of about \$120,000, though it is really in arrears more than that sum, if the clerk hire and stationary required for the business, and now charged against the postal revenues, were transferred to this account, where they properly belong. The department pays the railroad companies for transportation of the mails about \$10,000,000 annually. The postmaster general argues that our ocean mails should be carried by American steamships. He says: "The fact that but one line of steamships carrying our flag is employed in conveying mails across the Atlantic and none whatever to South America, is humiliating to the just pride of every American citizen. As a matter of national pride, as an aid to the revenue of American commerce, and as a means of supplying an efficient steam marine, available for immediate use by the government in case of war, provision should be made for the transportation of our mails on important ocean routes, in steamships officered and manned by our own citizens and sailing under our own flag. It is believed that the payment of a moderate mail compensation in excess of the postages now allowed under the provisions of the general law would enable our citizens to establish and maintain steamship lines across the Atlantic and to South American ports which would prove remunerative to the proprietors and promote the general prosperity of the country. A reasonable allowance for a line to the west coast of South America would assure regular mail communications by American steamers with our sister republics on that coast; and a moderate mail compensation for a line to Japan and China will doubtless continue the mail service to those countries in American ships after the termination of the existing subsidy contract, which will expire on the 31st of December, 1876. I think it safe to say that the sum of \$500,000 per annum, now granted as a subsidy to the China and Japan line for a single monthly service on that route, would, in addition to the postages on the mails conveyed, be quite sufficient, judiciously apportioned between the respective routes, to maintain an efficient mail service by steamers sailing under our flag on all the important ocean routes which should be occupied by American steamers."



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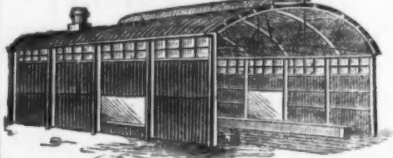
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To Thomas J. Close, Philadelphia, Pa.—The  
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with hooks, the other with eyes. The  
blade is fastened in place by passing the hooks  
through suitable openings in the handle and  
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## New Patents.

We take from the records of the Patent Office  
at Washington the following specifications of  
certain patents lately issued, which will be  
found interesting:

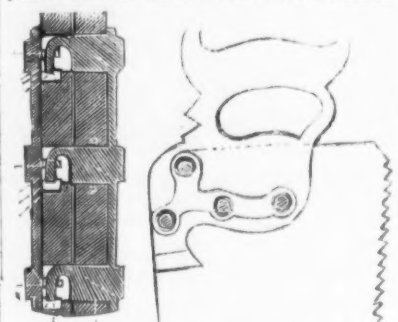
IMPROVEMENT IN ANNEALING METALS.  
Specification forming part of Letters Patent  
No. 169,320, dated October 26, 1875, issued to  
Joseph H. Warrington, of Camden, N. J.

The object of this invention is to soften or  
temper wire or other thin metal strips, by caus-  
ing currents of electricity to impart the heat  
required; the application to wire drawing ap-  
paratus being represented in the accompanying  
drawing, in which Figure 1 is a plan view of an  
apparatus for softening wire during the opera-  
tion of drawing the same; and Fig. 2 a vertical  
section on the line 1 2, Fig. 1.

A represents a reel of wire, and B a draw  
plate.

Owing to the condensation and consequent  
hardening of the metal, it is necessary, after  
the wire has passed through one or more draw  
plates, to anneal it, for which purpose it is cus-  
tomy to anneal the coil by the usual process  
of first heating and then slowly cooling. To  
avoid this tedious operation the wire is heated,  
while it is passing through the drawing ma-  
chine, by an electric current, transmitted  
through the wire between two fixed poles, in

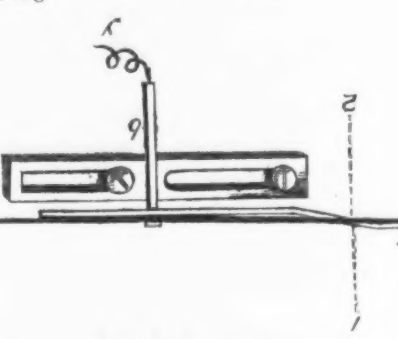
line to receive the longitudinal part of the  
hooks, when, by striking the bottom of the  
eye plate with a suitable implement, the plates  
will be drawn together. The blade can be  
readily detached by a blow upon the top of said  
plate. The tool handle and blade herein de-



scribed, secured by clamping plates having a  
drawing connection.

## CURRY COMB.

To Robt. F. Walsh, Philadelphia, Pa.—The  
teeth are blunt, with angle sides, which sides  
are diagonal to the sides and ends of the comb.  
A holdback on the far end is grasped by the  
fingers, while the thumb engages under the  
tang.



IMPROVED APPARATUS FOR ANNEALING WIRE.—Fig. 1.

contact with which the wire passes as it is being  
drawn. These poles consist of a pair of insu-  
lated metal bars, a b, arranged between the  
draw plate and the reel, and possessing a slight  
elasticity, which maintains them in contact with  
the wire; and to these bars are connected wires  
c, d, attached to the opposite poles of a bat-  
tery, or other galvanic or electric apparatus.

That portion of the wire between the bars  
a b will serve to conduct from one bar to the  
other a current, which will impart to this por-  
tion of the wire a temperature varying with the  
intensity of the current; and, as the wire is in  
constant motion, and in contact with the bars,  
it must necessarily be heated and softened be-  
fore it reaches the draw plate, thereby obviating  
the necessity of annealing the coils of wire  
from time to time.

In wire drawing it is usual to place on one  
bench or frame a succession of reels, draw  
plates, and drawing mechanism, in which  
case one battery may be used in connection with  
the different drawing appliances.



Fig. 2.

It is important that the temporary disuse of  
one drawing machine should not disturb the  
action of the electric current in the others. In  
order to provide for this the wire is made to  
pass from the reel in an indirect course, the  
wire passing on one side of the bar a and on  
the opposite side of the bar b, and the tension  
on the wire tends to maintain both bars free  
from contact with a rod, Z. Should the wire  
break, however, or the drawing mechanism be  
out of use, both bars a and b will, owing to  
their elasticity, be brought in contact with the  
rod Z, which will carry off the electric current  
without disturbing those currents which are  
employed in connection with other drawing  
machines.

Either or both of the bars a and b may be  
secured to an adjustable plate, C, or may be  
made otherwise adjustable, so as to regulate  
the distance between the bars, as the intensity  
of the current or the thickness of the wire may  
require.

Although the invention is described as ap-  
plied to the softening or annealing of wire in  
wire-drawing apparatus, it may be employed in  
tempering thin strips of metal, or in apparatus  
for hardening wires or strips of steel, such, for  
instance, as umbrella ribs.

Claim.—1. The process of tempering or soft-  
ening wire or other strips of metal, by subject-  
ing the same to the influence of an electric or  
galvanic current.

2. The mode of heating continuous wires or  
strips of metal, by traversing the same in con-  
tact with bars a b, from one to the other of  
which an electric current is passed through the  
said wire or strip, and between which the latter  
is heated.

3. The combination, in wire-drawing, of the  
elastic bars a and b, connected to a battery,  
with the rod Z.

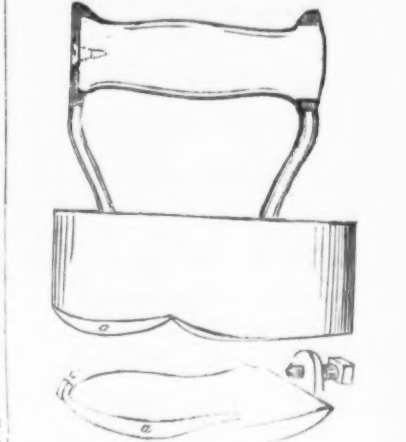
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patents, recently issued, from the official  
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## TOOL HANDLE.

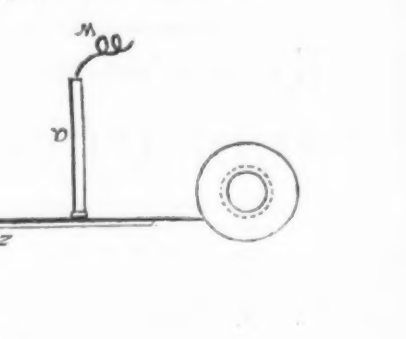
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blade is attached to the handle by means of  
two clamping plates, one of which is provided  
with hooks, the other with eyes. The  
blade is fastened in place by passing the hooks  
through suitable openings in the handle and  
blade, and placing the eyes upon the other plate

vided with the ironing surface D and polishing  
or burnishing points a b upon its under face.

2. The combined sad and polishing iron herein  
described, having its bottom face provided  
both with ironing and polishing surfaces, the



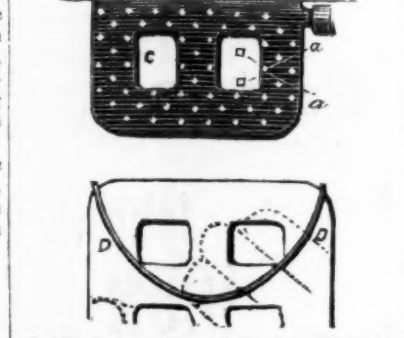
ironing surface D being formed on a plane at  
an angle to the plane of the burnishing points  
a b.



1. The curry comb provided with teeth, each  
tooth having a series of scraping faces a a.

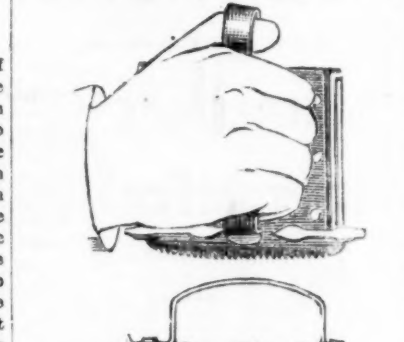
2. The teeth C, having their scraping faces a  
extend diagonally to the transverse and longi-  
tudinal directions of the comb.

3. The combination, with the curry comb of



a holdback, consisting of the loop D attached  
to the front end thereof.

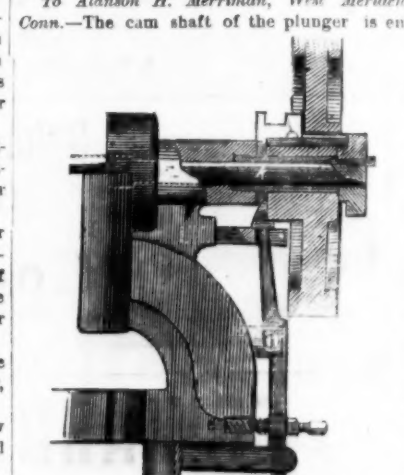
CURRY COMB.  
To C. A. Hotchkiss, Bridgeport, Conn.—The



back of the comb is provided with a rigid  
ball or handle for the fingers to grasp, and the  
side has a ring for the thumb to enter.

The curry comb provided with a rigid me-  
talic handle on its back, and a thumb-rest.

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SAD IRON.

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iron has polishing surfaces of different forms,  
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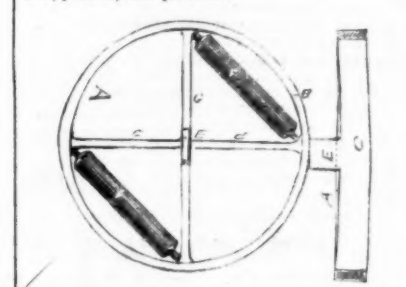
1. A combined sad and polishing iron, pro-

3. The removable handle consisting of the  
combination of one arm provided with a ring  
formation, the other arm flat at the top, and  
provided with a recess for embracing the han-  
dle, and a screw, b, with the wooden handle E.

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To Anthony Schulte, St. Louis, Mo.—The saw  
is placed on the frame and run into the furnace.  
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the saw is equally heated above and below.

1. The combination of the rim B, arms C C  
C C, post E, and pivot D.



2. The combination of the arms C C C C,  
post E, and pivot D.

3. The combination of the arms C C C C, rim  
B, and post E.

4. The combination of the arms C C C C, pivot  
D, and rollers F F.

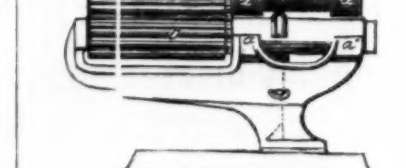
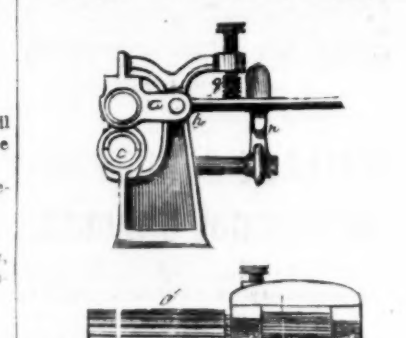
5. The combination of the rim B and rollers  
F F.

6. The combination of the arms C C C C and  
rollers F F.

7. The combination of the rim B, arms C C  
C C, rollers F F, pivot D, and post E.

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bination in a fluting machine of a lower fluting  
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bearings, a a, adapted to the journal of the  
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To Nicholas Boch, Brooklyn, N. Y.—The mode  
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process of enameling by the  
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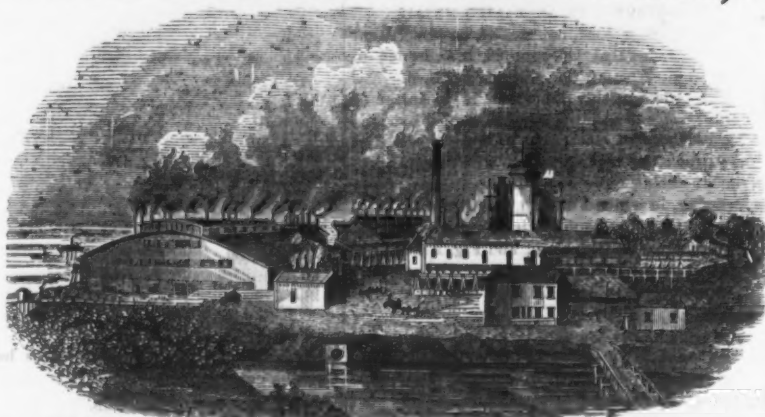
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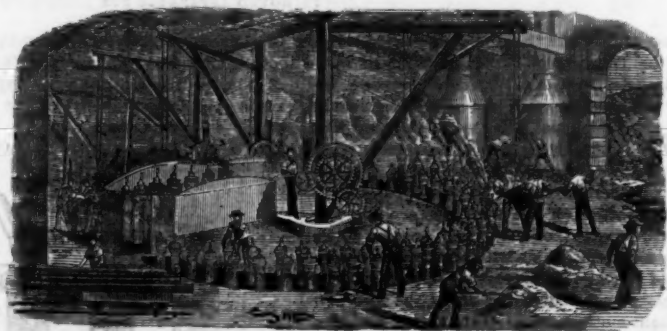
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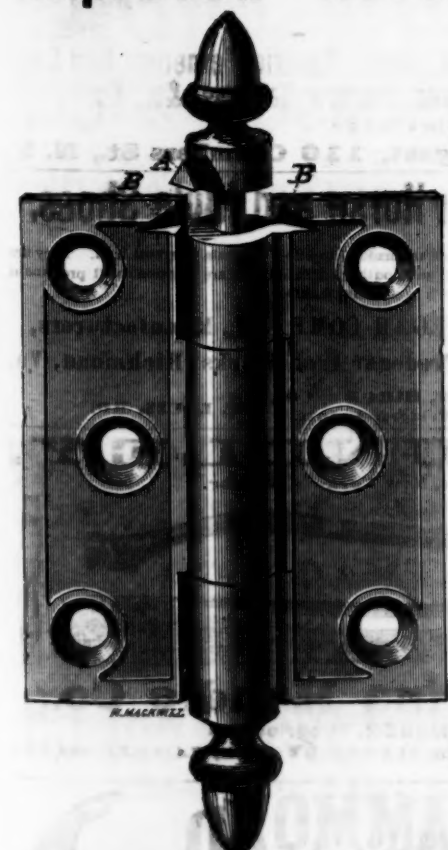
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Almost coincidently with the formal completion of the main drainage system in London has been issued a statement from those who may, in English phrase, be termed the Commissioners of the Seine, on a precisely kindred subject in Paris. It begins by contradicting the popular, and especially the foreign, idea that the capital of France is a dry city—asserting, on the contrary, that the average daily rainfall equals half the amount artificially supplied for the consumption of all the inhabitants. Tide floods, which mingle together, contaminated by the pollutions of streets, of dirty roofs and all else constituting an infectious flow wherever any population, great or small, is gathered together, must be got rid of systematically, somehow. The gutters, sinks, vertical pipes down the fronts of houses, the gratings and runnels in the streets, were useless without the immense number of subterranean canals carrying off all this excess, at a point far from Paris, into the river, though necessarily not so near to the sea as our own sewage outfalls. There is a curious, though not an exact, parallelism between the history of the two systems. That of the English metropolis was ordered by act of Parliament to be carried out in the year 1858; in the same year that of the French metropolis was completed. It is needless to dwell upon the crying necessities which existed for both; but Paris was, perhaps, in the worse condition of the two. In distant times the state of her streets was an abomination patent to the eyes even of those who looked out from palace windows. In more modern days the evil became so intolerable that wealthy private individuals protected their lives by draining, at their own expense, the thoroughfares in which they resided. Later still, after a storm, the streets of the lower town had to be crossed on temporary wheeled bridges, always kept in readiness; and so late as 1839, a petition of the inhabitants represented to the government that whole quarters would be depopulated if some abatement of the evil did not take place. Even then nearly twenty years elapsed before the grand reform was effected; but it was a real one, and upon a magnificent scale. The French, who are fond of splendid phraseology, declared that a new or underground Paris has been created; but, apart from the national habit of verbal exaggeration, it was perfectly true that an immense work had been accomplished in the face of stupendous difficulties. For, at that time, and since, the city was being converted above, as well as below, by means of new streets, squares, public edifices, and railway termini; and it was, moreover, found that there were three miles of habitations for every mile of sewer. The task at that time taken in hand occupied about nine years in its fulfillment, and the results have been now about eighteen years in operation. That their success has been great, as the administration asserts, is not to be denied. It has had the happiest effects upon the health, the pleasantness, and even the external aspects of Paris; but that nothing remains to be done, more particularly in the outer circle of the city, not even the board, as we should term it, of "bridges and roads" attempts to show. Indeed, its primary object in drawing the attention of the minister to the subject is that he may be induced to support a supplemental plan for bringing within the cope of the Parisian main drainage system the outlying yet contiguous districts, which can scarcely any longer be regarded as suburbs. The undertaking, it is urged, would be no other formidable in the obstacles presented by it, nor costly in the execution, because—the argument is an official one, be it remembered, and not altogether supported by experience—the existing chief arteries, constructed, not to answer the purposes of a generation or two, but designed upon a scale of more than Roman grandeur—literally—are capable of receiving any number of affluents that could possibly be directed into them. In magnitude, of course, they do not approach those of London, but, in every other respect, they are not less remarkable. The entire arrangements are distinguished under two heads—principal arteries and feeders. Little value is assigned to pumping stations or reservoirs. The French comparison, in fact, is that of a fish's skeleton running beneath the roadway: the dorsal bone is the "collector," the lateral bones are the drains, whether from the houses or the gutters. The former, or the largest of them, follows the lines of the valleys which so characteristically mark the configuration of the French capital, so that they may receive the tribute of the more elevated quarters, and they are three in number: One, on the right bank of the river, known as the "departmental," on account of its vast extent, the wide basin it drains, and its being regarded as taking precedence of the other two; and this divides into three large branches, gorged by the sewage of the worst quarters—the cattle markets, the public slaughter houses, the gas works, the immense industrial establishments of La Villette, Montmartre, Belleville, St. Denis and even the crowded hamlet of Bondy. Eighteen months ago it was considered more than sufficient for any conceivable accumulation; but it is now affirmed that the outlet into the river not far from Saint Ouen is occasionally so choked that its arch threatens to burst. This, however, it is explained, may be accounted for by the fact that, at a particular point, one embouchure carries off the load brought down by two of the vast vaulted subways that intersect subterranean Paris. The second great collector, on the same side of the stream, starts from the Arsenal Basin, and continues its course through, a purer neighborhood, until it reaches the village of Asnières, where it vomits—to employ the word in its Roman sense—its contents into the Seine, to the infinite detriment of waters that would otherwise be delightful. The government is urged to take this fact into consideration, in conjunction

with the municipality, and to relieve, if possible, so favorite a pleasure resort of the Parisians from so noxious a neighbor. For, it is pointed out, beside the crowded tract of town between the arsenal and the railway, it bears a pestiferous load from the Sebastopol district, the Rue de Rivoli, with all its mansions, hotels, side thoroughfares, and royal dwellings; and elsewhere, including the Place de la Bastille, the Boulevard Malesherbes, &c.; it receives, in fact, the discharge from the great sewer of the Petits-Champs, and the dangerous drain named after Richelieu, which, at the first drop of rain, is choked, and much dreaded by the workmen on account of its steep falls from the higher to the lower level. On the other or left bank of the Seine there is only one "collector," which includes, however, that which was once a pretty running water—the Biviere—which for many years was the Fleet Ditch of Paris, famous for the abominations it poured (many colored and foetid) into the stream which is the pride of Paris, near the bridge of Austerlitz. This also makes an exchange with its parallel beneath the opposite bank, and, after traversing many populous neighborhoods, adds its unclean flood to the Seine.

Thus, in a space of nine or ten years, Paris is reminded it acquired, at a rough estimate, 400 miles of new or renovated drainage constructed upon improved principles. Formerly its sewers were built of common ragstone, soft, pervious and perishable; then of what is called, in the vicinity of Paris, where it abounds, "millstone rock." In 1844 Roman cement was employed for the arching only, but, after 1855, the entire surface of the "gallery" was coated with hydraulic cement, insuring a solidity and a capacity for cleanliness unprecedented. Few cases of asphyxia, we are told, now occur. The strange phenomena which, in the reign of Louis XIII., were known by the equally strange designation of "basilisks," have been driven away; overgorgings, whether of water or rubbish, are, in the main channels, so rare as hardly to be taken into account. The slopes were, in the first instance, carefully settled, though here and there they are in actual course of improvement; and a visit to the sewers of Paris is, in our days, equivalent to a pleasure trip—that is to say, there are certain show sections; but they must not be taken as more than an exemplification of drainage, *de luxe*, beginning with the Place du Chatelet and ending at the Madeleine. They are not, however, to be despised on that account. The gigantic hall, whence branch the grand "canals," leads to underground roads, whence, looking up, the eye is attracted by a series of metal conduits, black and polished as ebony, which carry across this twilight highway the waters of the Oureq and of the Seine itself; and, farther on, of the Vanne—engineering works of which the French are not unjustly proud. Along the sides of these Titan tunnels run the tubes of the pneumatic dispatch; in the thickness of the wall are offices for clerks and lamp-lighters; lights enclosed within porcelain globes hang from the iron columns; there are rails and trains through the long perspective of semi-darkness. But this, as already suggested, is little in connection with the practical drainage works. A little further on, and sewage barges float upon a stream which calls up an idea of the classic Acheron. They are manned by the pilots of a singular navigation, which shuts and taps as it passes the several districts, and so in a manner regulates the general outpouring. A distinction will here be seen, broad and unmistakable, between the London and the Paris systems, even if only mechanically considered. But, we may repeat, the subterranean Paris exhibited to visitors does not comprise all that might be shown—at least to observers of a more practical class. The attention of the minister is drawn by the original engineer of the works that, since they were nominally completed, twelve different types of drains have been experimented upon; the grand "collector," with its broad sideways, the hollow within a hollow, leaving room for cleansing and the search after lost valuables; the drains from private houses, generally very steep in their descent toward the central "collector;" and seven or eight other varieties in form and size. As to size, it is scarcely possible to exaggerate the precautions that are necessary when a tempest of rain occurs. In July, 1873, a storm broke over Paris, accompanied by a startling fall of rain; the great running vault beneath the Rue Rivoli was, within a quarter of an hour, full; the water burst through the street gratings; many workmen were swept away; and, even now, notwithstanding the superb proportions of "subterranean Paris," five minutes' flood will imperil the city. It is by no means asserted by the memorialists that the principle of the Paris system is defective. On the contrary, they insist upon its architectural spaciousness and massiveness, its capacities of out-throw, and its power of "collecting" the superfluous waters of a storm. But the "statement"—it might be wrong to speak of it as a report—although we have used the term "sewage," really says very little concerning sewage at all. It is nearly all confined, as were the plans of M. Belgrand's engineers, to the carrying off of superfluous water. There is nothing, or scarcely anything, said to the government about the exuvia of the city; yet suggestions are made vaguely in respect of this vital question, since, as the report (if so it may be termed) puts the point plainly, a system of main drainage, which is made also a plan of promenades, cannot be very practical except before being employed." But, it adds, a great advantage is gained through the power of, at any time within a few hours, shutting off and drying up a part of the extraordinary labyrinth for purposes of examination or repairs; and a special characteristic is the machinery employed—invented, indeed, since the ostentatious opening of the works—for the lifting up and disposal of such extraneous offal as masses of stable straw, hanged cats, drowned dogs, and unfeathered mattresses, the amount of

which, the commissioners say, "stupefied us." Another and more tragic aspect of these vaulted highways might be alluded to, but it is unnecessary. In the parts, it is officially affirmed, which are not liable to inspection by strangers, every possible experiment is, even now, being tried, so far as regards arches of a marble unity, walls exuding and absorbing little damp, floors impermeable to any moisture except that which they carry away, and the fluted earthenware pipes, which, according to the same authority, act as final adjuncts to the rest. Another, and even a grotesque, aspect might be given to the subject by the grave reflections bestowed upon that which has generally been regarded as a ludicrous aspect of the Parisian main drainage—the rats. The sewers of Paris engender these vermin in their worst and most ferocious form, and, incredible though it may seem, they were long under a kind of official protection for the sake of their skins, which afforded a great supply to the kid glove making trade of the capital, and to various other industries of that versatile metropolis, which are not yet, perhaps, sufficiently understood. This, however, at the best is only a parenthesis. It is important to know that, according to the appeal addressed to the Minister of State, the example of London is at last quoted, and that the produce of the Parisian sewers will, before long, be spread around in endeavors to further irrigate and fertilize the long exhausted districts around.

But for the moment it suffices to appreciate the enormous and complicated works which, upon a scientific and practical representation to the French government, it is at length proposed to complete.

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The engine which drives the machinery in this establishment is of 35 horse-power, supplied by two boilers, built by Lyons, of 40 horse-power each. The amount of iron consumed here weekly is about 25 tons. The malleable iron works, spoken of above, also owned by Mr. Barnett, are located on N. J. R. R. avenue. The grounds extend along the avenue between Johnson and Pennington streets 100 feet, and back from the avenue on each of said streets for a distance of 250 feet. The buildings are 100x175 feet in size, two stories high, and are principally the same as those of the establishment described above. The foundry is extremely large (with a capacity of fifty molds at one time). In this Mr. Barnett has an air furnace, the only one in New Jersey, by the way, in which the iron is melted by hot blast.

Soft coal and tar are used to heat the blast, and the iron thus produced is much purer than by the old method, and is used in making heavy castings. The cupolas at this establishment are the same in number and of the same capacity as those at the gray iron foundries, also supplied with air by one of Clark's Blowers.

The pattern house is fire-proof, and contains patterns, the original cost of which was about \$200,000. In the foundry we saw some iron castings before being put through the annealing process, which would break almost as easily as glass, but after coming from the annealing furnace, in which they are kept at a white heat for from eight to ten days, they are as hard to break as the elastic conscience of a fire-eating politician or a back pay Congressman.

The tumbling room contains ten barrels. The engine used to drive the machinery in this establishment is of 50 horse-power. A private telegraph wire connects this office with the office of the gray iron foundries at Hamilton and McWhorter streets. An elevator in the foundry building is used to transport material and finished goods from floor to floor. These works consume about 15 tons of iron per week, which, together with the 25 used at the other foundries, makes a total of 40 tons per week, or nearly 5,000,000 pounds per annum. This establishment is in charge of Mr. Barnett's brother, Horace B. Barnett. In addition to the above described extensive establishments, Mr. Barnett has a store at Nos. 34 and 36 McWhorter street, for storing large quantities of finished goods. This is in charge of another brother, Richard M. Barnett. Near this building are located the stables and wagon houses. The work in the gray iron foundries is confined to the manufacture of gray iron castings.



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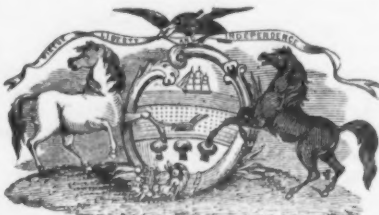
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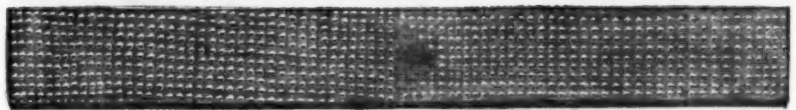
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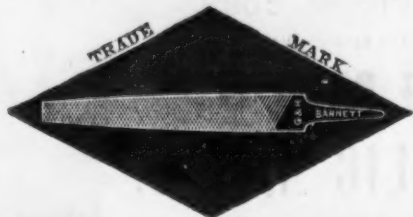
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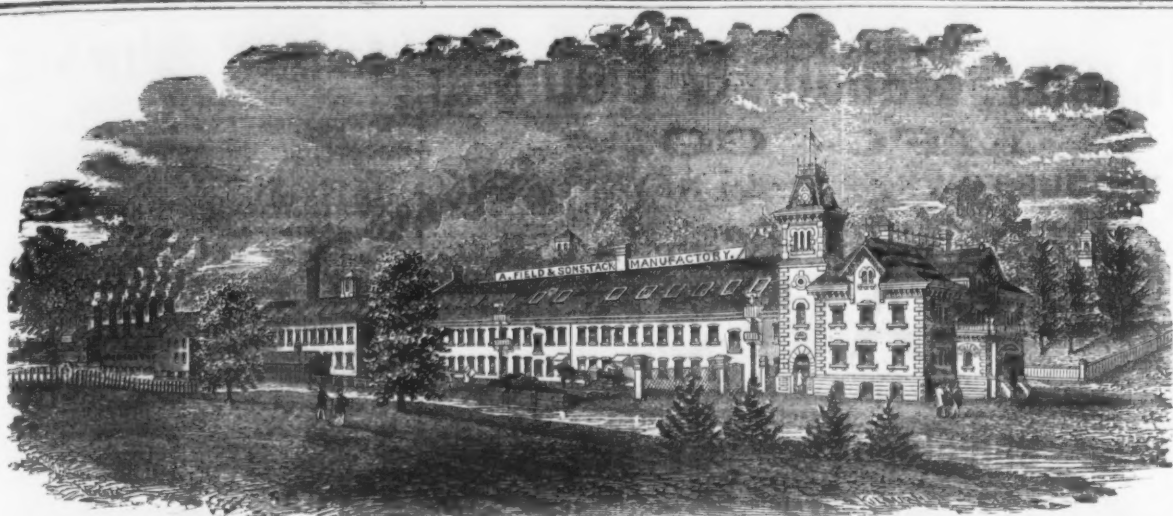
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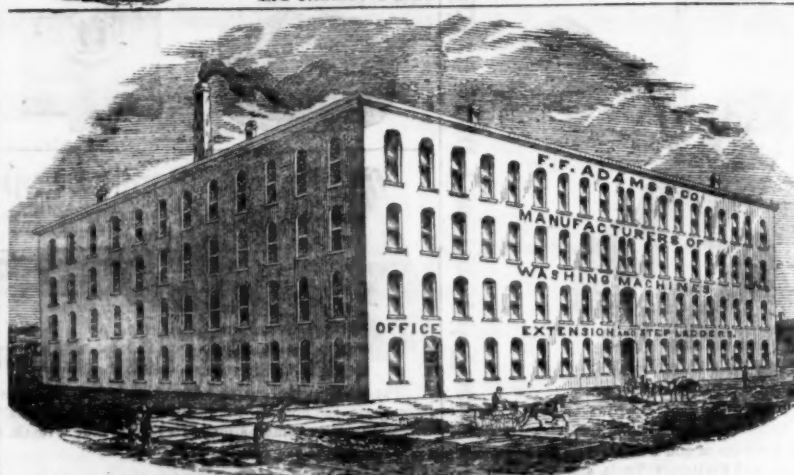
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There are in New York at present about a half a dozen patented self-closing faucets owned by as many manufacturers. We here describe the different patents, and present the advantages claimed for them by the makers.

#### HOTZ'S FAUCET

is manufactured by the E. P. Gleason Mfg. Co., corner Mercer and Houston streets. It is a pressure faucet, and has already been described in these columns.

The manufacturers claim for this faucet that it is subject to very little friction or wear, since it does not operate on the principle of a screw. As explained above, it can be regulated to any pressure. It does not hammer the pipe, it is claimed, because, if there is any unusual force exerted on the valve from the reaction of the water after closing the faucet, the valve will rise and allow of the escape of the water. As a consequence, no air chamber is needed. For a similar reason, the freezing of water will not burst the pipes, since the expansion of the water from freezing will open the faucet, relieving the pressure. Boiler explosions are also prevented in a similar manner, the valve always rising to relieve an excess of pressure. As a consequence, the manufacturers claim that pipe of less weight may be used than in the case of ordinary faucets. This would result in a saving sufficient, it is claimed, to pay for the faucet.

#### THE WENTWORTH FAUCET

is also self-closing, and is manufactured by Hayden, Gere & Co., of 54 Beekman street. This faucet is now about two years old, and has been introduced throughout the Windsor and Sturtevant houses, of this city, and the United States Hotel at Saratoga. It is operated by a horizontal arm or spindle. The valve is made with a rectangular space in it, into which extends a horizontal rod. The latter is a continuation of the operating spindle, at the outer end of which is a handle. One of the sides of the space cut in the valve is formed as a rack, and is engaged by a pinion fixed upon the inner extremity of the horizontal rod before referred to. The latter is held in bearings extending from the case of the faucet on both sides of the valve, and by its partial rotation, compels the rise of the valve from its seat. The valve stem is received within, and guided by, the top of the cock, and the body of the valve is surrounded and sustained by a collar. Surrounding the valve stem, and having its ends bearing respectively on the shoulder of the valve and against the top, is a coil spring, which supplies the resistance against which the valve is manually raised and which returns it to its seat.

By such an arrangement of parts the practical construction of the basin cock is much simplified, as the valve in one direction and the rod in its bearings in the other can be ground to fit exactly, and by the arrangement of the operating handle on the side of the cock, the necessity for packing any joint above or near the coil spring is avoided. The top of the standard is formed into a soap cup or ring holder, as may be desired.

#### TRAFTON'S PATENT FAUCET

is sold by Messrs. Waesche, Dayster & Co. It is a self-closing faucet, and the valve is lifted from its seat by a crank attached to the operating shaft. The valve seat is in the body or upright portion of the cock, and upon this seat the valve rests, but when the valve is opened there is the necessary passage way within the body, around the valve. The bib, or delivery pipe, may be of any desired character, and passes out from the body either at the top or the side. The shaft and spring that act upon the crank and valve are contained in the horizontal cylinder or socket which extends from the body. The shaft terminates internally with a cylindrical plug, crank and crank pin, the latter of which passes through the valve stem. The plug at the end of the operating shaft has a shoulder that bears against the inner end of the socket. Within the socket is a spring, one end of which is attached to the plug, and the other end to a polygonal bush that enters into a correspondingly shaped recess at the outer end of the socket, and is confined therein by the cap.

The parts are placed together with the spring coiled sufficiently to press the valve firmly in its seat, and the spring can be wound up to whatever extent is desirable by revolving the polygonal bush previous to forcing it back into its recess. After this the cap is put on, and then the handle is secured to the operating shaft or spindle. By partially rotating the shaft against the action of the spring the crank will lift the valve opening the water way; when the handle is liberated the spring immediately closes the cock by revolving the crank and forcing the valve to its seat.

#### ANOTHER TRAFTON FAUCET

is being introduced by the same firm. It can be placed in a corner or in a place in which it would be inconvenient to place the faucet just described, on account of the room required for the horizontal socket and handle. In the new faucet the handle is placed above the body, and the valve is raised by a toggle joint. The valve stem is widened and a portion of it cut away, as in other self-closing valves, forming a rectangular recess to admit of the insertion of the self-closing device.

#### THE BOSTON SELF-CLOSING FAUCET

is sold in this city by Adee & Delere, 275 Pearl street. In this case the handle is placed above the body of the faucet and is turned horizontally. A spindle is attached to the valve and passes up through the handle, and upon its upper extremity is screwed a nut which bears down upon the handle. Consequently, when the handle is raised the valve is raised also. A stout spring is coiled around the spindle connected at its lower extremity with the valve, and at its upper extremity with the stock of the faucet. The handle of the faucet is fixed to a

cylinder, which passes down over the spindle until it meets the stock. It also surrounds a cylinder, cast upon the stock, and surrounding the spindle. The upper portions of the latter cylinder are cut away, so as to give its upper base the shape of two spirally inclined planes. Upon the inner surface of the cylinder to which the handle is fixed is cast a cylinder whose lower surface is also cut, so that the lower base consists of two spirally inclined planes. When the cylinder to which the handle is attached is placed over the spindle the two sets of inclined planes fit exactly into each other. If, however, the handle is turned, the inclines sliding upon each other, the handle must rise, and as the spindle is secured to it by the nut as above described the valve must rise also. When the manual force is removed the strength of the spring brings the valve back to its seat. However, the inclines are not very steep the force of the spring is not sufficient to return the valve to its seat. In such a case the handle must be turned back again to close the faucet. Therefore, by making the incline very slight, the faucet loses its self-closing character and becomes a compression faucet.

#### THE SOFFE FAUCET

has been recently introduced by Henry Soffe, of 43 Greene street. In its operation it resembles, in some respects, other self-closing faucets. It is made with a valve which is pressed to its seat by a spring and is raised by inclines. In this invention, however, the inclines are out of sight, so as not to injure hands or clothing that may come in contact with the faucet. The spindle is also only subjected to the strain due to its revolution, the opening and closing forces being concentrated on the valve itself, as may be understood from the following description:

The valve stem passes through the screw cap at the top down to the valve seat at the bottom. At its lower extremity is the valve. A spring coiled around the stem, pressing against the screw cap above and the valve below, closes the latter. Upon the interior surface of the barrel surrounding the valve seat are cast inclines, and upon the valves are cast projections, or fingers, which extend above the inclined surfaces and rest upon them. Their ends touch, or nearly touch, the inner walls of the cylinder. The spring coiled around the valve stem and pressing on the valve holds the latter to its seat against the pressure of water. When, however, the valve and stem are turned by the handle, the fingers which project from the valve run up the inclines, lifting the valve against the pressure of the spring, and when the handle is released the valve closes by the action of the spring again. If the length of the cylinder which contains the valve is such that the fingers which move upon the inclines can be turned around until they reach a flat place that is formed at the top of the inclines, then the valve can be left open after the parts have been turned around to this point. In this faucet the inclines and fingers are lubricated by the liquid passing through the cock.

At Polton Colliery, near Edinburgh, there is at work a new coal cutting machine which is said to give very good satisfaction. The machine consists of a frame, which is carried up between two end frames by means of studs or journals keyed to blocks which move up or down in slides formed in the center of each of the end frames; thus, the whole machine, while held firmly between the end frames, can be raised, depressed, or cant to any angle that may be required. The means employed for this purpose are two powerful screws, passed through the blocks fitted in the slides, and acting as a nut. Other two screws are employed in almost the same manner to cant or angle the machine to suit the dip or rise of the seam the machine is engaged in cutting. The end frames are mounted on wheels, which run on rails. On the frame are placed two cylinders 6 in. in diameter and 10 in. stroke, which drive a spur wheel, which again gives motion to a revolving wheel or disc, and on both sides of this disc, at regular intervals, are placed loose or revolving cutters of about 5 in. in diameter, pointed as pick points. Thus, when the disc revolves the cutting wheels, being loose on keys fastened to the disc, are revolving at ten times the speed of the disc. The machine propels itself by a chain, which is fast at one end, and works upon a small barrel. The peculiarity of the machine is its cutting wheels, which, being loose and revolving, thereby lessen the friction, and the screws, with which the machine can be set to any angle. It is driven by compressed air, and the average pressure necessary is 30 lbs., which is supplied by an air compressor on the surface. There is a peculiarity in this compressor—it is not jacketed, nor is there any water surrounding the air cylinder; instead of this there is a simple self-acting water jet, which, at the same time, cools the air and cylinder and lubricates the piston. The air compressor is driven by the pumping gear of the winding engine, and the whole cost of the machine, compressor and pipes will not exceed £300. This machine, it is stated, can also be driven by an endless rope or chain, instead of compressed air.

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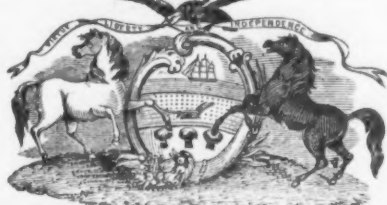
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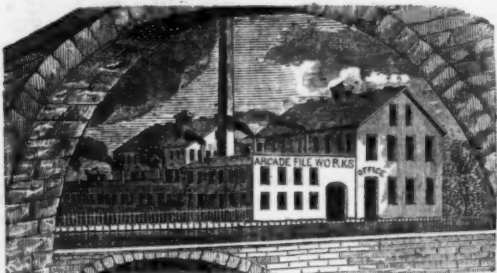
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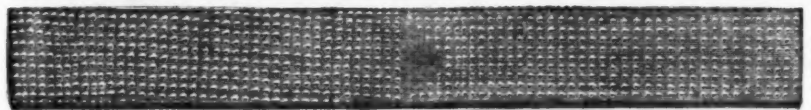
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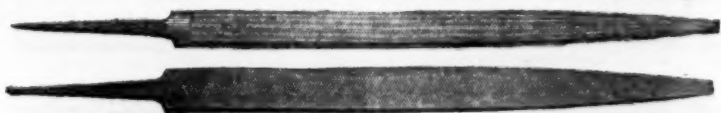
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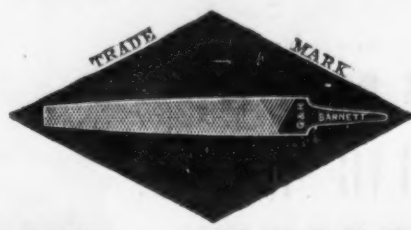
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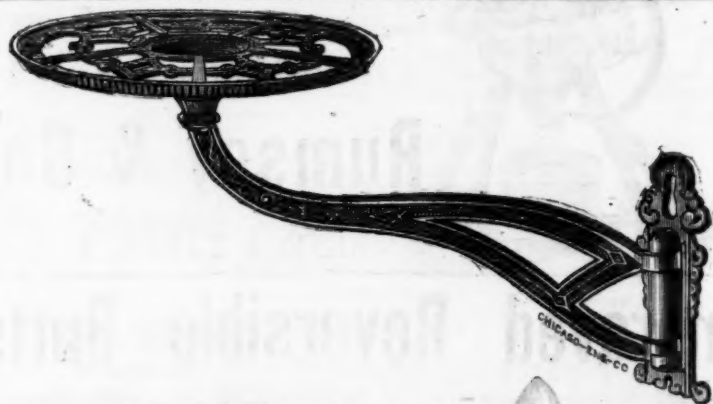
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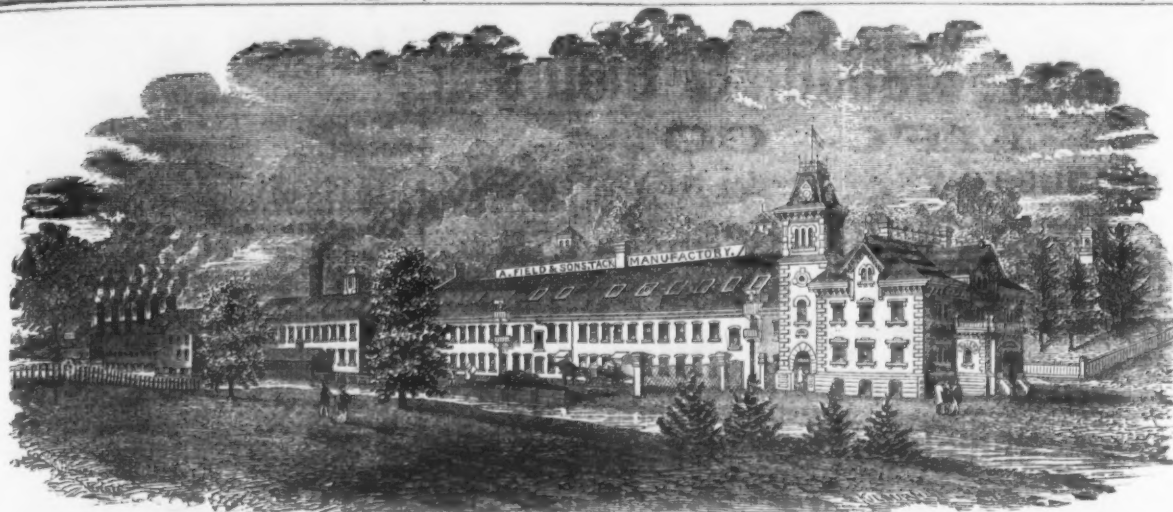
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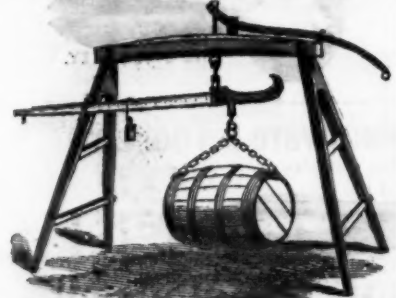
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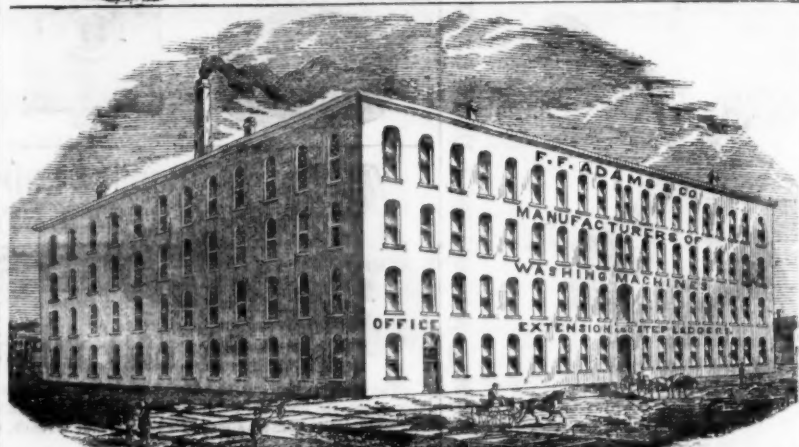
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There are in New York at present about a half a dozen patented self-closing faucets owned by as many manufacturers. We here describe the different patents, and present the advantages claimed for them by the makers.

#### HOTZ'S FAUCET

is manufactured by the E. P. Gleason Mfg. Co., corner Mercer and Houston streets. It is a pressure faucet, and has already been described in these columns.

The manufacturers claim for this faucet that it is subject to very little friction or wear, since it does not operate on the principle of a screw. As explained above, it can be regulated to any pressure. It does not hammer the pipe, it is claimed, because, if there is any unusual force exerted on the valve from the reaction of the water after closing the faucet, the valve will rise and allow of the escape of the water. As a consequence, no air chamber is needed. For a similar reason, the freezing of water will not burst the pipes, since the expansion of the water from freezing will open the faucet, relieving the pressure. Boiler explosions are also prevented in a similar manner, the valve always rising to relieve an excess of pressure. As a consequence, the manufacturers claim that pipe of less weight may be used than in the case of ordinary faucets. This would result in a saving sufficient, it is claimed, to pay for the faucet.

#### THE WENTWORTH FAUCET

is also self-closing, and is manufactured by Hayden, Gere & Co., of 54 Beekman street. This faucet is now about two years old, and has been introduced throughout the Windsor and Sturtevant houses, of this city, and the United States Hotel at Saratoga. It is operated by a horizontal arm or spindle. The valve is made with a rectangular space in it, into which extends a horizontal rod. The latter is a continuation of the operating spindle, at the outer end of which is a handle. One of the sides of the space cut in the valve is formed as a rack, and is engaged by a pinion fixed upon the inner extremity of the horizontal rod before referred to. The latter is held in bearings extending from the case of the faucet on both sides of the valve, and by its partial rotation, compels the rise of the valve from its seat. The valve stem is received within, and guided by, the top of the cock, and the body of the valve is surrounded and sustained by a collar. Surrounding the valve stem, and having its ends bearing respectively on the shoulder of the valve and against the top, is a coil spring, which supplies the resistance against which the valve is manually raised and which returns it to its seat.

By such an arrangement of parts the practical construction of the basin cock is much simplified, as the valve in one direction and the rod in its bearings in the other can be ground to fit exactly, and by the arrangement of the operating handle on the side of the cock, the necessity for packing any joint above or near the coil spring is avoided. The top of the standard is formed into a soap cup or ring holder, as may be desired.

#### TRAFTON'S PATENT FAUCET

is sold by Messrs. Waefelger, Duyster & Co. It is a self-closing faucet, and the valve is lifted from its seat by a crank attached to the operating shaft. The valve seat is in the body or upright portion of the cock, and upon this seat the valve rests, but when the valve is opened there is the necessary passage way within the body, around the valve. The bib, or delivery pipe, may be of any desired character, and passes out from the body either at the top or the side. The shaft and spring that act upon the crank and valve are contained in the horizontal cylinder or socket which extends from the body. The shaft terminates internally with a cylindrical plug, crank and crank pin, the latter of which passes through the valve stem. The plug at the end of the operating shaft has a shoulder that bears against the inner end of the socket. Within the socket is a spring, one end of which is attached to the plug, and the other end to a polygonal bush that enters into a correspondingly shaped recess at the outer end of the socket, and is confined therein by the cap.

The parts are placed together with the spring coiled sufficiently to press the valve firmly in its seat, and the spring can be wound up to whatever extent is desirable by revolving the polygonal bush previous to forcing it back into its recess. After this the cap is put on, and then the handle is secured to the operating shaft or spindle. By partially rotating the shaft against the action of the spring the crank will lift the valve opening the water way; when the handle is liberated the spring immediately closes the cock by revolving the crank and forcing the valve to its seat.

#### ANOTHER TRAFTON FAUCET

is being introduced by the same firm. It can be placed in a corner or in a place in which it would be inconvenient to place the faucet just described, on account of the room required for the horizontal socket and handle. In the new faucet the handle is placed above the body, and the valve is raised by a toggle joint. The valve stem is widened and a portion of it cut away, as in other self-closing valves, forming a rectangular recess to admit of the insertion of the self-closing device.

#### THE BOSTON SELF-CLOSING FAUCET

is sold in this city by Adee & Delerec, 273 Pearl street. In this case the handle is placed above the body of the faucet and is turned horizontally. A spindle is attached to the valve and passes up through the handle, and upon its upper extremity is screwed a nut which bears down upon the handle. Consequently, whenever the handle is raised the valve is raised also. A stout spring is coiled around the spindle connected at its lower extremity with the valve, and at its upper extremity with the stock of the faucet. The handle of the faucet is fixed to a

cylinder, which passes down over the spindle until it meets the stock. It also surrounds a cylinder, cast upon the stock, and surrounding the spindle. The upper portions of the latter cylinder are cut away, so as to give its upper base the shape of two spirally inclined planes. Upon the inner surface of the cylinder to which the handle is fixed is cast a cylinder whose lower surface is also cut, so that the lower base consists of two spirally inclined planes. When the cylinder to which the handle is attached is placed over the spindle the two sets of inclined planes fit exactly into each other. If, however, the handle is turned, the inclines sliding upon each other, the handle must rise, and as the spindle is secured to it by the nut as above described the valve must rise also. When the manual force is removed the strength of the spring brings the valve back to its seat. M, however, the inclines are not very steep the force of the spring is not sufficient to return the valve to its seat. In such a case the handle must be turned back again to close the faucet. Therefore, by making the incline very slight, the faucet loses its self-closing character and becomes a compression faucet.

#### THE SOFFE FAUCET


has been recently introduced by Henry Soffe, of 43 Greene street. In its operation it resembles, in some respects, other self-closing faucets. It is made with a valve which is pressed to its seat by a spring and is raised by inclines. In this invention, however, the inclines are out of sight, so as not to injure hands or clothing that may come in contact with the faucet. The spindle is also only subjected to the strain due to its revolution, the opening and closing forces being concentrated on the valve itself, as may be understood from the following description:

The valve stem passes through the screw cap at the top down to the valve seat at the bottom. At its lower extremity is the valve. A spring coiled around the stem, pressing against the screw cap above and the valve below, closes the latter. Upon the interior surface of the barrel surrounding the valve seat are cast inclines, and upon the valves are cast projections, or fingers, which extend above the inclined surfaces and rest upon them. Their ends touch, or nearly touch, the inner walls of the cylinder. The spring coiled around the valve stem and pressing on the valve holds the latter to its seat against the pressure of water. When, however, the valve and stem are turned by the handle, the fingers which project from the valve run up the inclines, lifting the valve against the pressure of the spring, and when the handle is released the valve closes by the action of the spring again. If the length of the cylinder which contains the valve is such that the fingers which move upon the inclines can be turned around until they reach a flat place that is formed at the top of the inclines, then the valve can be left open after the parts have been turned around to this point. In this faucet the inclines and fingers are lubricated by the liquid passing through the cock.

At Polton Colliery, near Edinburgh, there is at work a new coal cutting machine which is said to give very good satisfaction. The machine consists of a frame, which is carried up between two end frames by means of studs or journals keyed to blocks which move up or down in slides formed in the center of each of the end frames; thus, the whole machine, while held firmly between the end frames, can be raised, depressed, or canting to any angle that may be required. The means employed for this purpose are two powerful screws, passed through the blocks fitted in the slides, and acting as a nut. Other two screws are employed in almost the same manner to cant or angle the machine to suit the dip or rise of the seam the machine is engaged in cutting. The end frames are mounted on wheels, which run on rails. On the frame are placed two cylinders 6 in. in diameter and 10 in. stroke, which drive a spur wheel, which again gives motion to a revolving wheel or disc, and on both sides of this disc, at regular intervals, are placed loose or revolving cutters of about 5 in. in diameter, pointed as pick points. Thus, when the disc revolves the cutting wheels, being loose on keys fastened to the disc, are revolving at ten times the speed of the disc. The machine propels itself by a chain, which is fast at one end, and works upon a small barrel. The peculiarity of the machine is its cutting wheels, which, being loose and revolving, thereby lessen the friction, and the screws, with which the machine can be set to any angle. It is driven by compressed air, and the average pressure necessary is 30 lbs., which is supplied by an air compressor on the surface. There is a peculiarity in this compressor—it is not jacketed, nor is there any water surrounding the air cylinder; instead of this there is a simple self-acting water jet, which, at the same time, cools the air and cylinder and lubricates the piston. The air compressor is driven by the pumping gear of the winding engine, and the whole cost of the machine, compressor and pipes will not exceed £300. This machine, it is stated, can also be driven by an endless rope or chain, instead of compressed air.

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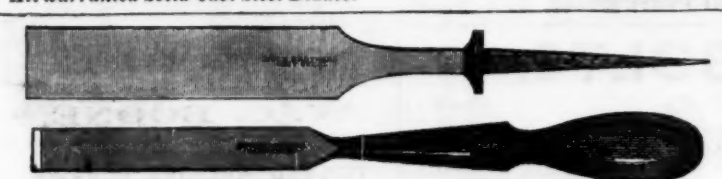
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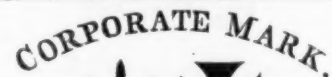
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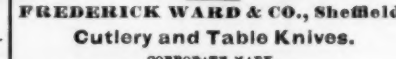
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PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6, 1875.

Winter has come with a rush at last, locking

the canals and in them an unusually large lot of

grain and merchandise in transit, but not sooner

than there was reason to expect it, and not in

such a busy period as to cause much loss. The

most unpleasant news of the week comes

from the coal regions, announcing the closing,

by the Reading Coal and Iron Company, of thirty

out of forty collieries, which will be followed

by a general stoppage of private collieries until

only some twenty-five will remain in operation

in the whole Schuylkill region. This will throw

an immense force of miners out of employ-

ment, and must make suffering to them and

those dependent upon them. Notwithstanding

the strike last spring, and the suspension now,

the anthracite trade of 1875 is said to have been

encouraging. The total production for the

year will be over 28,000,000 tons, or an increase

of some 250,000 tons, all of which, with the

exception of the amounts in storage yards,

found a market, notwithstanding the depres-

sion in the iron trade. This shows that the

market for anthracite is extending, and that,

with a return of prosperity and a resumption

of iron making in the Schuylkill Basin, that

the present output capacity will not be beyond

the legitimate demands of our industries. It is

reported that the Coal and Iron Company has

also shut down on its ore mines, on account of

a full supply of ore to its furnaces.

A feature of the week has been the sale of

the old Navy Yard, at auction, on the 24 inst.

The price brought was \$1,000,000, of which

\$50,000 was paid in cash at time of sale. The

purchaser is said to be the Pennsylvania Rail-

road Company, and the government officials

report themselves satisfied with the sale. The

Pennsylvania Railroad will undoubtedly im-

prove it for terminal facilities, and have secured

a most valuable property at a low price. The

old yard has many interesting incidents con-

ected with its history. The original site cost

\$37,000 in 1801, and subsequently an addition

was made at \$15,000. Previous to this date

vessels were constructed by the government

at a neighboring yard, and in 1794 is recorded

the receipt of a lot of oak timber, to be used in

the construction of the frigate Constitution.

The first ship launched was the North Caro-

lina, in 1820, and since then most of the historic

vessels of the navy were built here. Among

these were the brig Dolphin, the frigate Penn-

sylvania, then a wooden ship, the Baritan,

Vandalia, Relief and Dale followed. After

this the steam frigate Mississippi, in 1840, and

the Princeton, in 1843, the first naval screw

in our country. Then the Germantown, the

Susquehanna, the Pawnee and the Lancaster.

During the war several vessels were built, but

the introduction of ironclads required different

construction, and the old yard has been wiped

out to give place to the new naval station at

League Island, which in time will be the most

important and complete of its kind in the world.

The fire which destroyed the Market Street

Bridge was considered a godsend in prospective

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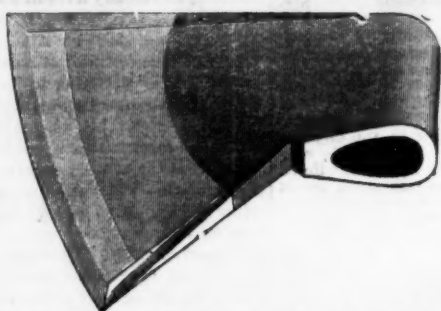
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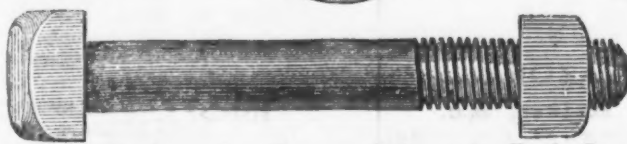
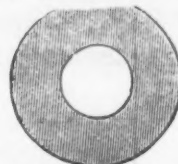
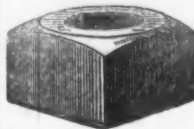
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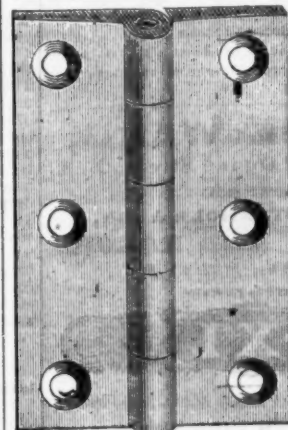
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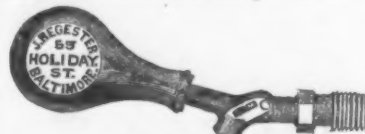
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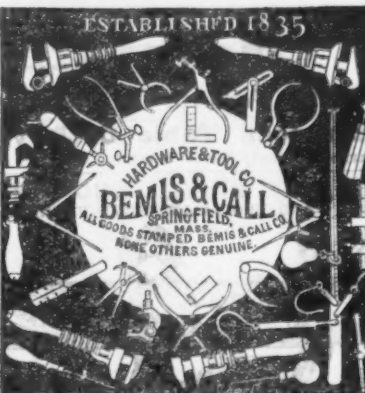
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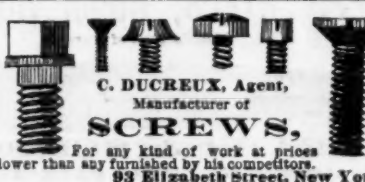
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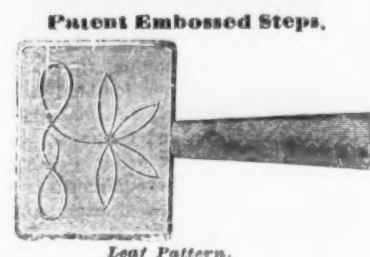
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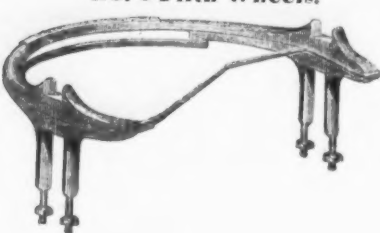
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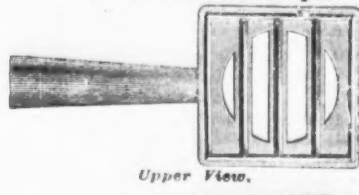
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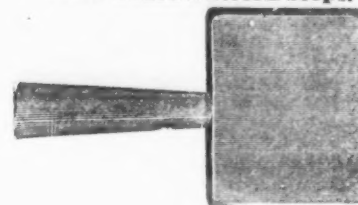


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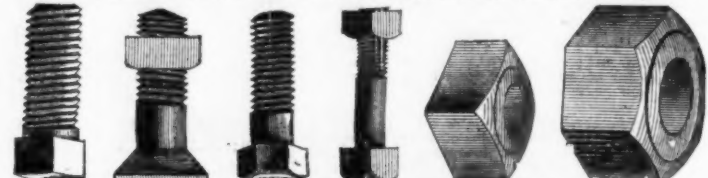
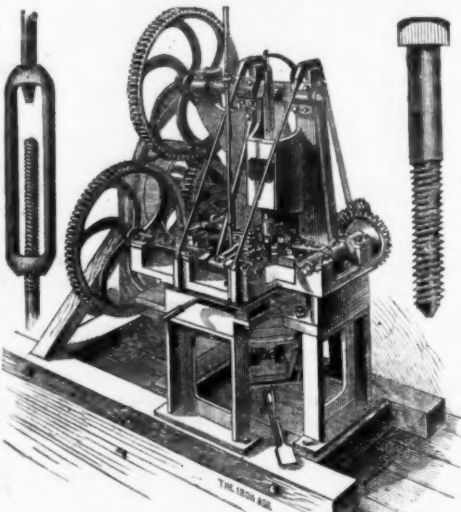
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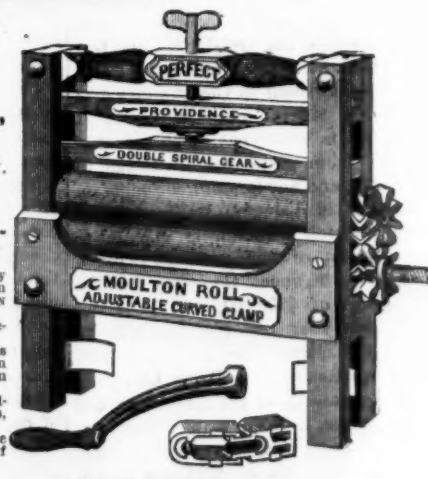
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## The Conditions of Cheap Iron Manufacture in the South.

In our issue of last week we gave some interesting comparisons of the cost of making iron in the West and South, showing that, notwithstanding superior natural advantages, iron had not yet been made on a large scale in the South at prices which would enable it to be laid down in Pittsburgh in profitable competition with the product of Western furnaces. Even with these facts in mind, however, it seems probable that iron can be made cheaper in Tennessee and Alabama than in the West; but it is very evident that natural advantages will not offset the evils of bad location, defective construction and unskillful management. Chattanooga has certainly every appearance of being a very desirable point for the manufacture of cheap iron,

but at yet we can only imagine what might be accomplished with a furnace like the Lucy or Isabella, if as well managed as is the present furnace in that city. If, for example, the Rising Fawn Furnace, with its costly and excellent plant, had been built in Chattanooga instead of where it is, 20 miles from that city, and had it been as well managed, financially, as the Chattanooga furnace is and always was, it would, we think, soon be determined whether or not "the iron makers of Pennsylvania" must pale their fires in the growing light "of Tennessee's resources."

Such a plant as that now at Rising Fawn could be built and operated at this time for about \$309,000, which is about \$200,000 less than the owners of that furnace expended upon it. Suppose it had been built at Chattanooga. The company owning the furnace at that place now get the ore, yielding fully 50 per cent. of iron, at \$2 per ton, and any other furnace at that point could probably do equally well. Then put coke at 8 cents, which is what the Chattanooga company are now paying, and we have the following comparison with the Lucy:

	Iron at Lucy.	First-class at Chattanooga.
Ore per ton of pig.....	\$10.30	\$4.00
Coke, 80 bushels.....	3.80	6.40
Total.....	\$14.10	\$10.40
Difference in favor of Chattanooga.....	3.70	
Freight to Louisville or Cincinnati.....	3.65	
Net difference in favor of Chattanooga.....	\$0.35	

Thus, assuming flux, labor and contingencies to be the same, we should have a difference in the cost of pig iron delivered in Louisville or Cincinnati, of not less than \$1.50 per ton in favor of a first-class furnace at Chattanooga, counting the greater freight from Pittsburgh, while for every reduction of 1 cent. per bushel on the cost of fuel at Chattanooga, the difference in the cost of iron per ton is increased 80 cents. A good article of coke, selling at a cheap price is therefore the true solution of the problem of cheap iron making in the South.

The prospect of a cheap supply of coke from present sources is narrowed down upon careful investigation to the output of the mines of the Suwanee and Dade Coal Companies. The Etna has a run on foundry coke, and the Coal Creek mines produce only grate coals, beside being too far from Chattanooga by the present circuitous railroads. The Dade and Suwanee Companies' mines are both worked by Penitentiary convicts, and the cost of getting out coal has been reduced to a minimum; but both have costly railroads to maintain, with heavy grades; their coal is so slaty that they cannot make a first-class coke without washing, and neither of them has water enough within miles of their mines to do this, even to the extent of their present product. The Suwanee Company has an energetic and enterprising management, and to them is due the credit of having materially lessened the price of coal in Chattanooga. The mine is located on the Cumberland tableland, from which the lower level is reached by a railroad with grades as steep as 100 feet to the mile. To maintain and operate this road involves a heavy annual expense. It is 23 miles long and connects with the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad at Cowan's depot. From this point to Chattanooga is 64 miles, and in some places grades of 90 feet to the mile must be overcome. The Suwanee Company delivers coal at Cowan at a cost, as stated in the president's report, now before us, of 5.77 cents per bushel of 80 pounds; thence to Chattanooga the freight is not less than one cent. per bushel, making the cost of the coal delivered in Chattanooga 6.77 cents. The cost of coke delivered at Chattanooga is somewhat greater, as it is so friable from slate that it breaks to pieces badly, and any loss of net weight on this account is deducted by the furnace company, which amounts to enough to bring the cost of their coke up to seven cents. The Suwanee Company have a bonded debt of \$200,000, and it is not possible that they will ever be able to manufacture cheap coke for the Chattanooga market. The Dade Company work the same vein as the Suwanee, but at their mines it is a little more slaty. They have a narrow gauge railroad of the Switchback type, to descend the mountain about 800 feet in two miles air line distance, and at the terminus of this road the coal is dumped into cars running on a broad gauge road, also owned by the company, and carried six miles to Shell Mound Depot on the Nashville and Chattanooga road. They claim to be able to deliver coal or coke at Shell Mound at a cost of six cents per bushel; but they cannot place either in Chattanooga cheaper than the Suwanee Company, while the quality of the product is not quite so good. The Dade Company has a debt of \$200,000, and has issued stock to an equal amount. For the coal mined it pays a royalty of half a cent per bushel for fifteen years.

With these facts in mind, it is evident that neither of these companies is in a position to supply abundant and cheap coke at Chattanooga, as they have already reduced their expenses to the lowest point, and cannot adopt any system of management which will offset an inconvenient location and costly transportation for their product. We conclude, therefore, that before Chattanooga can profitably compete with Pittsburgh in the Ohio River markets, special facilities for obtaining cheaper coke and coal must be provided. When a company with large capital is formed to own and operate coal and iron mines, which can guarantee to the iron masters of the North and of Europe that furnaces built at Chattanooga shall have ore of at least 50 per cent. grade at \$2 per ton, and good coke at seven cents per bushel delivered, there will be a surer prospect of the realization of the vision of "the smoke from a hundred furnaces wreathing its way around" the frowning cliffs of Lookout Mountain.

The probable source of cheap coal and coke for Chattanooga lies northward, along the line of the Cincinnati Southern Railroad. This road extends directly south from Cincinnati to Danville, Ky., and thence across and over the Cumberland plateau, through the Emory Gap with the Emory River, and thence down the valley to Chattanooga. The steepest grade on the route is 60 feet to the mile, and between Emory Gap and Chattanooga not more than 30 feet to the mile. Its proper route should, we think, have been to Coal Creek and thence down the valley, as by that line it would have touched the spot where the greatest thickness of the Tennessee coal is found, in locations most favorable to cheap working. At Winter's Gap, for example, the steep, wall-like spur of the Cumberland known as Walden's Ridge is cut through by the three head streams of Poplar Creek, thus giving easy access to the horizontal veins of the Cumberland field even as far back as the Great American Knob, while the never failing streams afford ample power and abundant water for washing coal. In the Cumberland strata here are found seven horizontal seams of workable coal above the water level, the least of which is three feet thick; and on Walden's Ridge are five more, two of which are known to be workable—one, the famous Rockwood seam, lying at an angle of 35°. The Oakdale Furnace was built to use this coal raw, but for some reason half raw and half coke was used. The horizontal seams consist of coals resembling the block coals, and are unsurpassed as grate coals. One is a compact, dry coal, stated by Professors Maynard and Bradley to be well adapted for use, raw, in the blast furnace. The price for mining at Coal Creek is 2½ cents for run-of-mine and 3 cents for selected lump coal. The three-foot vein is similar in appearance to that from which the very compact Etna coke is made, but at Poplar Creek it contains only a trace of sulphur. The seven foot vein—E of Bradley's and H of McFarlane's classification—is probably the same as that worked at Coal Creek, but is practically free from sulphur and slate.

From Winter's Gap to the Cincinnati Southern Road, where it enters the valley, is 16 miles, and a connection could be made with their mines by a road having an even and moderate down grade—not over 30 feet to the mile. Such a road would place these desirable coals within 96 miles of Chattanooga by rail, and they could be delivered in that market at rates low enough to make that city, in fact, "the Pittsburgh of the South." Should such an enterprise be undertaken by men with ample capital, able and willing to do a large business for small profit, to include mining, coking and transportation, with a view to the rapid development of the iron industries of the Southwest, the dream of cheap Tennessee iron competing successfully and profitably with Northern irons in markets common to both, will undoubtedly be realized. The trouble with most Southern enterprises thus far undertaken has been an over strong desire for a large profit upon a small business and light investment of capital. Such an undertaking as that we have suggested, looking to the development of the only sources from which a supply of cheap coal and coke of the best quality can be obtained, will require a liberal investment, and the profits will be small, until a larger consumptive demand has been built up by the establishment of more iron works and factories in and about Chattanooga. It must be undertaken, if at all, primarily with the object of building up the manufacturing industries of the Southwest, and not with a view to the establishment of a small business conducted with a view to the earning of a large profit. In a word, it is an undertaking which demands capital, enterprise, judgment and a faith in the future, and could be best begun and

carried out by Southern men, who believe in the ability of the South to achieve industrial greatness. "Fancy engineering" should be avoided, and the work of development, and the construction and equipment of the necessary railroad connection with the Cincinnati Southern should be entrusted to engineers who will not spend the company's money in experiments made for their own glory. Coke ovens of the best pattern and construction must be provided, and the entire plant of the company should be first-class. We offer these suggestions for the consideration of Southern capitalists.

## Our Export Trade to Non-European Countries.

The limited consumption of the past two or three years, resulting as it has in an excess of production in many varieties of commodities over the present requirements of the country, has had the immediately beneficial effect of stimulating the efforts of our manufacturers to seek a foreign market for their wares. The largest and most promising fields for this kind of enterprise are found in Spanish America, Brazil and the British colonies, there being but little opportunity for a general export trade in manufactures in Europe. The shrinkage of values in the home markets has enabled our merchants and manufacturers to compete successfully with goods of European make; many new markets have been found, and a great variety of articles not hitherto exported in large quantities have been shipped of late on a more extensive scale. Machinery, locomotives, hardware, tools, cutlery, sewing machines and agricultural implements have thus found a profitable foreign market, and the quantities thus placed to advantage in exchange for the raw material of those countries would have been still greater but for the semi-panic which, since the commencement of summer, has overtaken several of them in response to the large and continuous London failures.

Previously to our own panic it was deemed an easy matter to raise money in London and elsewhere in Europe for the establishment of banks, the building of railroads, and the working of old and new mines almost anywhere in Spanish America and Brazil. But the London failures since summer, involving branch and other firms out there, disclosed a history of frauds, extravagance and ill-advised investments, more particularly in Central America, and Spanish American undertakings of a similar character are, for the present, virtually excluded from European credit in any shape. Add to this several revolutions on the River Plate and in Central America, the financial crises which inevitably follow them in the disturbed countries, and the impression produced on the minds of capitalists and merchants in general has been anything but a favorable one, so far as Spanish America is concerned. To a certain extent our own trade with those politically or financially disturbed countries has suffered from it likewise, and our export to the Argentine Republic, and to Uruguay especially, has been considerably lessened in consequence. With other countries we have continued to deal extensively, as heretofore, especially with Cuba, in spite of the insurrection, with Mexico, Venezuela, Brazil, Chili and Peru.

While, therefore, our intercourse with the River Plate and Central America has diminished somewhat, other more distant countries have been drawn into more intimate and extensive commercial relations with us, and strange to say, we have selected those in which British competition was of all the most difficult to overcome—for example, the Cape of Good Hope, New Zealand and Australia. From the moment that hardware, cutlery and tools of American manufacture declined to prices favorable to exporters, our merchants have more vigorously than ever before cultivated relations with those productive countries, colonized and inhabited by a thrifty population of Englishmen and their descendants, who know how to use and appreciate American manufactures of iron and steel, and the success which has attended their endeavors has been a most signal one. We have in those markets begun to displace English and Continental goods, the colonial consumers being delighted with our assortments.

As an illustration of the popularity of American goods in colonial markets, we quote as follows from the letter of an agent of one of the Birmingham firms in Melbourne, Australia, published in a recent issue of the *Ironmonger*: "You will notice that our indent runs more on American 'ironmongery' than formerly. Their goods are far superior to English made, and latterly they have been much cheaper. There is no comparison in the profits they pay us, and they give universal satisfaction. Small wares, tools, &c., indeed, all sorts of American-made goods, are now being sold in the market, and

"when once used, seen, or sold, the user or buyer will never again look at English-made articles of the same class."

It is not likely that our manufacturers will be willing to lose even the slight advantage thus gained. On the contrary, every effort will be made during the coming year, especially through the agency of the Centennial Exhibition, to extend and render permanent our foothold in foreign markets. Facilities of communication with Australasia and Oceania, via San Francisco, are now better and more frequent than they have hitherto been, for during the first week of each month we can ship and write to those countries from this coast, by a direct route, all steam, and save a distance of 1500 miles. It is now very evident, we think, that a rapid and sustained development of our manufacturing industries depends upon a large export. We have reached a turning point in our industrial history, and unless we can extend our export trade there must be a curtailment of our manufactures until the growth of the country shall have increased the legitimate and healthy consumptive demand, to an extent which shall equal our present producing capacity. This is an unpleasant fact, perhaps, but there is no gainsaying it, and it is the part of wisdom to realize the situation and take advantage of every opportunity now offered to establish our goods in such foreign markets as are open to us. All things considered, our Centennial Exhibition will be most timely.

The continuation of Mr. Wm. J. Fryer's valuable article on architectural iron work, has brought us this week to one of the most interesting and important discussions of the subject. It consists of the complete specifications of a contract for an iron building, fully illustrated and accompanied by a great deal of tabulated information which will assist the contractor in making his estimates on an exact basis of cost. Information of this kind has never before been given to the public, and it will be found of great value to a large class of our readers, who usually find very little relating to their business in the technical journals.

In a recent issue we published an article on the industrial development of Japan, in which an extract from the *Japan Mail* was printed, with a few words of general approval. The extract, giving a condensation of a consular report by Mr. Annesley, British consul at Higo and Osaka, came to us from English sources, and was given by us as a quotation from the *Japan Mail*—the fact that the English journal first publishing it had interpolated a few words of its own, escaping our notice.

## The Cost of Iron at the Lucy and Rising Fawn Furnaces.

GLENDON IRON COMPANY, }  
EASTON, PA., Dec. 6, 1875. }

To the Editor of *The Iron Age*: DEAR SIR—I have read with some interest your article of Dec. 2d on the manufacture of iron in the South, and agree with you that there have been too many glowing pictures of what could be done there. At the same time, I think that your comparison between the Rising Fawn and Lucy furnaces is not as fair and accurate as you intended it to be. I notice that you do not put down any limestone as being used at the Lucy Furnace. I do not know the amount really used, but on turning to Mr. Bell's notes on the amount of limestone used at Pittsburgh, I find it stated at 15 cwt. to a ton of pig iron, and costing 5/8 to 6/9 a ton—say, \$1.30 per ton. You state the Lucy Furnace ore to average 60 per cent., and the fossiliferous iron limestone at Rising Fawn to average 40 per cent. of iron, but you have omitted to state that the latter requires no limestone to be added to flux it; therefore that expense is saved, and thus it takes no more ore and limestone to make a ton of pig iron at Rising Fawn than at Pittsburgh. Further, you take it for granted that it will take as much coke to smelt 2½ tons of Rising Fawn ore as to smelt 2½ tons of Lucy ore and limestone, which, taking into consideration the intimate mixture of the ore and flux at Rising Fawn, I am convinced cannot be the case. I should not be surprised to find that Rising Fawn is making a ton of pig iron with 50 bushels of coke or less; I think that 60 bushels must be ample. You say, also, that the Lucy makes 600 tons a week, and the Rising Fawn 250 tons, and that there is consequently a great saving in labor for the Lucy. I cannot see how this assumed consequential saving can exist, as it takes as much material to make a ton of iron at one as at the other. It seems plain to me that if the Lucy makes twice as much as the Rising Fawn, there must be twice as much material to be moved, and, consequently, twice as much labor required to move it. As wages are lower in the South than at Pittsburgh, the labor question is in favor of the South. The following estimate probably approximates more closely than yours to the relative cost of making pig iron at Pittsburgh and the South:

	Lucy.	Rising Fawn.
Iron ore.....	\$11.45	\$5.00
Limestone.....	1.18	
80 bushels coke.....	3.80	60 bush. coke, 6.00
	\$16.43	\$11.00

Respectfully,

WM. FIRMSTONE.

[In our comparative estimate of the cost of ore



and fuel used at the Lucy and Rising Fawn furnaces, we took no account of limestone, nor did we include interest, labor or contingencies. Consequently, our estimate was not intended to represent the cost of a ton of iron, but only the cost of the ores and coals. The omission of a charge of \$1.50 per ton for limestone against the Lucy, is more than offset, in a comparison with the Rising Fawn, by the saving in labor upon the larger product of the former. Mr. Firmstone does not understand how this can be, which, we confess, surprises us. The Lucy makes, say, 600 tons per week on an average. The Rising Fawn has never made more than 280 tons. Now we grant that, to raise the stock needed to charge the Lucy, takes more labor than to raise the stock needed to charge the Rising Fawn, but it does not take many, if any, more men. With good management, we think the force of men necessarily employed about the latter could run the former. Granting, however, that a few more laborers were required, a great saving on a large product over a small one comes in on the cost of superintendence, clerk hire, engineers' wages, &c. We think it requires no argument to show that there is a saving in labor on a product of 600 tons over a product of 280 tons, provided these amounts are, in each instance, the yield of one stack. Were it possible to increase the yield of the Glendon Furnace by 50 per cent., we are very certain that Mr. Firmstone would find that the charge per ton, for labor, against the product, would not be 50 per cent. greater than now.

With regard to the coke consumption per ton of iron in the two furnaces, Mr. Firmstone is clearly mistaken. We do not know exactly how much coke the Rising Fawn uses per ton of iron, but as 90 bushels are required in the Chattanooga Furnace, we do not think it probable that the Rising Fawn can use much less than 80 bushels. There is no furnace in the South that has ever made a ton of iron with less than 80 bushels of choice, selected coke, and none has ever made it with 60 bushels under any circumstances. The Rising Fawn might, possibly, make iron with a consumption of 60 bushels of Connellsville coke per ton, but none of the cokes made from the Tennessee coals at present used have sufficient body to admit of such economy.

With regard to wages, Mr. Firmstone is again mistaken. Mere manual labor is cheaper in the South than at Pittsburgh, but skilled labor is not; consequently, it cannot be said that the labor question is much, if any, in favor of the South, especially as the unskilled Southern labor requires more superintendence. With regard to Mr. Firmstone's estimates of cost at the Lucy and Rising Fawn, we can only say, that if the difference in favor of the latter were half as great as he makes it, the Rising Fawn iron could be delivered in Pittsburgh and sold at present prices at a profit of \$2 per ton. This would be good news to the Southern furnace owners.—*Editor Iron Age.*

#### New Publications.

**THE ELEMENTS OF GRAPHICAL STATICS IN THEIR APPLICATION TO FRAMED STRUCTURES**, with numerous practical examples of cranes, bridges, roof and suspension trusses, braced and stone arches, pivot and draw spans, continuous girders, &c.; together with the best methods of calculation, and containing, also, new and practical formulae for the pivot or draw span, braced arch, continuous girder, &c. By A. Jay Du Bois, C. E., Ph. D. New York: John Wiley & Sons. Price \$5.

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So also with respect to the braced arch—a thoroughly scientific and practical method of solution, is, for the first time given, which gives accurately the strains in every piece with ease, simplicity and rapidity, and without intricate formulae or tedious calculation. Here again practical examples illustrate the method in detail, and call attention to every point of importance. The same may also be said of the stone arch. Thus, these three important structures, the first of which has even been pronounced "too complex for mathematical investigation," are brought fairly within the reach of the practical engineer and student of engineering. In these respects alone the work forms an important and valuable contribution to engineering literature.

For every variety of bridge girder of single span, suspension and roof trusses, cranes, etc., a method of solution is given of easy, rapid and general application, fully illustrated by practical examples. Together with the graphic methods, the best methods of calculation are also given. "Ritter's method" of sections or moments is shown to be of universal application, and is applied to every structure treated of in the work, in detail, thus checking the results of diagrams. The methods by composition and resolution of forces are also fully explained. Thus, the work forms a complete Treatise upon Bridges and Roofs, with graphic and algebraic methods of calculation of the strains in every structure that occurs in engineering practice. The graphic method is also applied to solid beams or plate girders, to the determination of the center of gravity and moment of inertia of areas, as well

as to several problems in practical mechanics. The work is specially designed for School Instruction, and forms, also, by reason of its completeness and the number of its practical examples, a book of reference for the Practical Engineer as well. It is furnished with an Historical Introduction, with complete lists of literature upon Graphical Statics and the Continuous Girder, and with a complete alphabetical index.

The work comes to us well recommended by Professor S. E. Warren, Dr. V. Wood, W. P. Trowbridge and others, and the praise it has received commends it to the favor of all who are interested in the subject of which it treats.

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#### Ultimate Capacity of Blast Furnaces.

BY MR. C. COCHRANE.

In a paper read before the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, in 1869, "On the Further Utilization of the Waste Gas from Blast Furnaces, and the Economy of Coke due to Increased Capacity of Furnace," the writer ventured upon the prediction that by increased capacity of furnace from 20,624 to 47,528 cubic feet, the consumption of coke might be reduced to 17.9 cwt. per ton of No. 4 iron made in the Cleveland district, under the conditions of quality of materials and temperature of blast described at the time; and it was expected that this saving would result solely from the further absorption of sensible heat from the gases then escaping at the tunnel at a temperature of 560° Fahr., the calcined ironstone containing about 40 per cent. of iron, and the blast being supplied at a temperature of 1000°. In a subsequent paper read in 1870, the writer (profiting by the valuable aid rendered by Mr. Bell in first attempting to lay down a curve which should at once embody at a glance known facts as to effects of capacity of furnace) further ventured to reduce his experience of large-sized furnaces and high temperatures of blast to general conclusions in the shape of definite curves, showing the saving due to heat of blast in a furnace of 20,624 cubic feet capacity, and showing the further saving due to capacity of furnace. To these curves constant reference will be made in this paper, as the writer believes that they are still (as then he believed them to be) practically true, and that every divergence from them can be satisfactorily accounted for in the facts about to be presented.

Since that time the writer has had the experience of two furnaces of very large capacity, the first being 90 feet high by 29 feet bosh, and possessing a capacity of 33,140 cubic feet; the second being 90 feet by 30 feet, and possessing a capacity of 40,500 cubic feet. As regards the latter furnace, owing to insufficient power of blast and irregularity of supply of materials, no definite confirmation of anticipated results was obtained. The pressure of blast rarely reached 3 lbs. per square inch, and for many months of the period did not exceed 2½ lbs., a pressure which was inadequate to prevent the frequent and almost constant formation of

scaffolds at all the furnaces, ending at length in the complete stoppage of the one of largest capacity, after having only been at work for a period of two years; and the narrow escape of two other furnaces, each of 30,624 cubic feet capacity, from sharing a similar fate.

It may be interesting to compare the working of the furnaces of different capacities over the years 1871 and 1872, to show how, in all alike, similar disappointment arose, and how, under similar conditions, the economy due to increased capacity failed to assert itself. The reason for this the writer hopes to show in the present paper. In the table are shown the details of the working of No. 2 furnace of large capacity (40,500 cubic feet) over the year 1871. In nine months ending December, 1871, there were consumed at this furnace 23.75 cwt. of coke per ton of No. 4.18 iron, the temperature of blast being 1142°, and that of the escaping gases being 598° + 140° = 738°. In the former case the consumption should only have been, according to calculation, 20.50 cwt., whilst in the latter it should only have been 20.40 cwt., according to the data given in the paper of 1870. In nine months ending December, 1871, there were consumed at No. 4 furnace, also of 20,624 cubic feet capacity, 23.51 cwt. of coke per ton of 4.08 average quality of iron made, the temperature of blast being 1328°, and that of the escaping gases being 583° + 140° = 723°. In this case the consumption of coke should only have been 20.55 cwt., according to previous experience of similar temperature at the same furnace. The average working of Nos. 3 and 4 furnaces, during the nine months of 1871 referred to, was

Coke consumption 23.36

cwt. per ton of.....  $\frac{3.74 + 4.08}{2} = 3.91$  iron

Temperature of blast.....  $\frac{1355 + 1328}{2} = 1341^\circ$

Temp. of escaping gases  $\frac{738 + 723}{2} = 730^\circ$

For the moment, these results would seem to point to the conclusion that temperature of blast, and capacity of furnace, after a certain dimension was reached, would be simply replaceable items in the working of a blast furnace; for notwithstanding a reduction in temperature of blast of 199°, the consumption of coke was 23.75 cwt. in the larger, against 23.36 cwt. as the average of the two smaller furnaces, of nearly 30,000 cubic feet less capacity. It will hereafter be shown, however, that the heavy scaffolds, to which the large furnace was constantly subjected, reduced in effect its working capacity to one of about 18,000 cubic feet, whilst Nos. 3 and 4 furnaces worked no better than furnaces of 10,000 cubic feet capacity should do.

Somewhat better results attended the working of the large furnace of 40,500 cubic feet capacity during the year 1872, but on the average of the year's working still fell considerably short of what was expected. In eleven months, ending November, 1872, there were consumed 21.41 cwt. of coke per ton of 4.31 iron, the temperature of blast being 1195°, and that of the escaping gases 588° + 60° = 428°. By way of comparison, it may here be stated that at the smaller furnace, No. 3, during the twelve months of the year there were consumed 24.20 cwt. of coke per ton of 4.00 average quality of iron made, the average temperature of blast being 1133°, and that of the escaping gases 546° + 140° = 686°. No. 4 furnace, also of 20,624 cubic feet capacity, during the same period consumed 24.36 cwt. of coke per ton of No. 3.99 iron, the average temperature of blast being 1143°, and that of the escaping gases 544° + 140° = 684°.

The estimated average for the largest furnace, working at 1195° should have been only 19.50 cwt., according to expectation: thus showing an excess in consumption of 1.91 cwt. per ton of iron, and reducing the effective capacity of the furnace to 21,000 cubic feet, according to the heat and capacity curves. In a similar way Nos. 3 and 4 furnaces should have worked with only 22.20 cwt. and 22.00 cwt., at the temperature of 1133° and 1143° respectively: showing an excess in consumption of 2.00 cwt. at the former and 2.36 at the latter, the effective capacities of the furnaces in these cases being respectively 18,000 and 12,500 cubic feet. The best result attained during 1872 at No. 2 furnace was in the month of April, when, with blast at a temperature of 1385°, the consumption of coke fell to 18.93 cwt. per ton of iron of an average quality of 3.59; the recorded temperature of the escaping gases over the month being 456°, when the effective capacity of the furnace rose to 31,000 cubic feet.

During 1873 there was no opportunity of contrasting the working of a large furnace of such capacity as that of No. 2 with the two others, each of 20,624 cubic feet capacity; but the result of the year's working showed at the furnaces of lesser capacity a uniformity which may be worth while to record. No. 3 furnace worked with an average temperature of blast of 1238°, and consumed 23.10 cwt. of coke per ton of iron made of 3.78 quality; whilst No. 4, of equal capacity, worked with an average temperature of 1254°, and consumed 23.20 cwt. of coke per ton of iron made of 3.86 quality; the temperature of the escaping gases at No. 3 furnace being 545° + 140° = 685, and at No. 4 furnace 596° + 140° = 736°. The coke averaged throughout the year 0.67 per cent. water, 7.31 per cent. ash, with sulphur 1.01 per cent., making a total of 8.99 per cent. of foreign matter. The iron stone contained about 40 per cent. of iron.

In March, 1874, No. 1 furnace, of 33,140 cubic feet capacity, was blown in, and worked with an average temperature of blast of about 1238°

over a period of eight months, consuming 21.17 cwt. of coke per ton of iron made of 3.63 quality; the temperature of the escaping gases being 329° + 60° = 389°. The estimated consumption of coke should have been only 19.60 cwt., showing an excess in consumption of 1.57 cwt. No. 3 furnace, over ten months of the year 1874, worked with an average temperature of blast of 1315°, and consumed 23.64 cwt. of coke to produce 3.57 quality of iron, instead of 20.66 cwt., at which it ought to have worked according to previous experience; the temperature of the escaping gases being 572° + 140° = 712°. No. 4 furnace of 20,624 cubic feet, over the same ten months, worked with an average temperature of blast of 1261°, and consumed 23.92 cwt. of coke per ton of iron of 3.66 average quality, the temperature of the escaping gases being 584° + 140° = 724°. This is 3.02 cwt. per ton in excess of previous working of the furnace at the same temperature for a slightly higher number of quality of iron. The coke during the year averaged 0.63 per cent. water, 7.98 per cent. ash, and 0.80 per cent. sulphur, making a total of 9.41 per cent. of foreign matter.

During the period of four years, 1871 to 1874, there has been an excess in the consumption of coke at all the furnaces, ranging from 1.57 to 3.02 cwt. per ton of iron; in the cases of Nos. 3 and 4 furnaces the excess is above the actual results obtained at like temperatures of blast as indicated in the paper of 1870; whilst at No. 2 furnace of 40,500 cubic feet capacity the excess is above the estimated consumption based on calculation and shown by the capacity curves. That some common causes have operated to produce such excess at all the furnaces must be admitted, though it may be difficult to point out the precise cause or causes which have been in operation. The writer's impression is that the excess in consumption corresponds with a practical reduction in the effective working capacity of the furnaces, evidenced in the increased temperature of the escaping gases; the reduction in effective capacity being partly due to scaffolding arising out of circumstances of inferior pressure of blast, or irregularity and inferiority of materials employed, specially as relates to their mechanical condition—and partly, as shown afterward, to the escape of gas through the sides of the furnaces. Taking the average working of Nos. 3 and 4 furnaces over the four years 1871 to 1874, the results are as follows:

Year	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	Temp. of		Consumption of		Average quality of	
					Blast.	Escaping Gases.	Actual.	Estimated.		Coke.
1871	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1341	730	23.05	21.15	5.30	3.74
1872	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1385	719	23.52	20.40	4.52	3.87
1873	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.55	20.66	2.87	3.97
1874	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1413	713	24.35	22.00	3.83	3.99
1875	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1429	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1876	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1877	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1878	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1879	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1880	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1881	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1882	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1883	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1884	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1885	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1886	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1887	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1888	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1889	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1890	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1891	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1892	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1893	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1894	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1895	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1896	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1897	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1898	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1899	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1900	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1901	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1902	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1903	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1904	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1905	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1906	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1907	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1908	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1909	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1910	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1911	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1912	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1913	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1914	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1915	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1916	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1917	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1918	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1919	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1920	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1921	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1922	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1923	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1924	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1925	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1926	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1927	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1928	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1929	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1930	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1931	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1932	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1933	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1934	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1935	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
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1971	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1972	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
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1977	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1978	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
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1983	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1984	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1985	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1986	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1987	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1988	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1989	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1990	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1991	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1992	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1993	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1994	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	3.78
1995	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	Average	1438	688	23.40	21.25	1.85	

It was recorded in the former paper of 1870 that the consumption of coke for No. 3-82 iron was 20.10 cwt., the temperature of blast being 1422°, whilst that of the escaping gases was 560°. A reference to the curves which accompanied the same paper shows that at 1251° the consumption of coke should be about 21.10 cwt., which agrees as nearly as may be with the estimated average above shown of 21.15 cwt.; so that there have been 2½ cwt. of coke consumed extra to what should have been, and accompanied with a rise in temperature of the escaping gases from 560° to 711°, or 151° rise. In one case the weight of gases escaping at the tunnel head corresponds with a consumption of 23.65 cwt. at 711°, and in the other with a consumption of 21.15 cwt. at 560°. According to Mr. Bell's estimate, the weight of the escaping gases will be found as follows:

Coke consumed per ton of iron	21.15
Limestone	11.90
Coke	21.15
Less ash, etc., 8.99 per cent.	1.81
Carbon in coke	19.34
Carbon in limestone	1.32
Total carbon per ton of iron	20.66
Less that in pig iron	0.60
Carbon in carb. acid from reduction of ore	5.98
Carbon deposited	0.60
Leaving carbon as carbonic oxide	6.58—carb. acid 24.13
13.48—carb. oxide	31.45
20.06	
Using cwt. coke per ton of iron	21.15
Carbon in gases	20.06
Oxygen in gases	39.92
Oxygen from ore and carbonic acid	12.45
Difference from blast considered dry	23.07
Nitrogen with this oxygen	76.82
Weight of blast	99.89
Weight of gases	132.40 cwt. per ton of iron.

To arrive at the weight of escaping gases with a consumption of 21.15 cwt., reference may be made to Gordon's translation of Gruner's work on blast furnace phenomena; and assuming the analysis of the gases to be the same as given there (page 46), though this is liable to a slight error, the calculation gives 136 cwt. per ton of iron as the weight of the moist gases escaping. Adopting in the follow-

ing calculations the estimate of Mr. Bell, it is seen that at 560°, with the consumption of 21.15 cwt. of coke per ton of iron, the weight of escaping gases, after correction for impurities in the coke, would be 132.40 cwt. per ton of iron made. The weight of gases escaping in the case of 23.65 cwt. of coke consumed per ton of iron would be approximately

$23.65 \times 132.40 = 3132.06$  cwt.

It follows that 15.60 cwt. more gas has escaped from the same furnaces than formerly, and at a temperature higher by 151°. Thus, in the worst case  $15.60 \times 132 = 2059.2$  lbs. heated to 711° escapes in excess; while in addition 132.40 cwt. = 14,828 lbs. escapes at 151° higher temperature than the equal volume passing off from the furnaces formerly under more favorable conditions. The difference will therefore stand as follows when expressed in heat units:

$1.747 \times 711 \times 0.275$  (specific heat) = 341,582  
 $14,828 \times 151 \times 0.275$  " = 615,732  
 Total..... 957,314

Taking 4000 heat units to represent 1 lb. of carbon burnt into carbonic oxide, the above 957,314 units represent 239 lbs. of carbon, equal to 261 lbs., or 2.32 cwt. of coke wasted, which fairly explains the difference of 2.50 cwt. indicated in actual practice. The writer can hardly think that greater accuracy could be expected in proof of the theory of absorption of sensible heat operating in furnaces of such a capacity as that referred to, namely 20,624 cubic feet. The increased temperature of the escaping gases corresponds, in his opinion, to a practical reduction of the capacity of the furnace from 20,624 cubic feet to something between 11,000 and 12,000 cubic feet; and he concludes that, as soon as the effective capacity can be increased to the full size of the furnace, the former excellent working will be restored; and the 2.50 cwt. consumed over the period referred to in excess of what should have been consumed will be got rid of.

Applying these considerations to the larger furnace of 40,500 cubic feet capacity, in 1871 the temperature of the blast was 1142°, and that of the escaping gases 605°. This high degree of temperature of the escaping gases, exceeding that of 560° at which furnaces of about half the size were wont to work, was notoriously due to irregular supply of materials, inferiority of quality and low pressure of blast, occasioning scaffolding of a most formidable character, and making the successful trial of the furnace on its merits a sheer impossibility. Even here, however, it cannot fail to be noticed that, despite the disadvantages of the trial, the extra capacity more than compensated for the inferior temperature of blast by which 1.25 cwt. of coke was sacrificed. At Nos. 3 and 4 furnaces the average temperature of blast was 1331°, that of the escaping gases was  $\frac{738 + 719}{2} = 728^\circ$ , and

the average consumption of coke was 23.37 cwt.; whilst at No. 2 furnace the average temperature of blast was 1142°, that of the escaping gases 605°, and the actual consumption of coke 22.75 cwt., thus proving itself better by 0.62 cwt. of coke, though working at 189° lower temperature of blast, showing a total difference in favor of No. 2 furnace of 1.87 cwt., but nevertheless showing that the large furnace, although of 40,500 cubic feet capacity, was only working as one of 17,000 to 18,000 cubic feet capacity, according to the heat and capacity curves; whilst Nos. 3 and 4 worked no better than furnaces of 10,000 to 11,000 cubic feet should have done.—*Iron.*

#### Lucius W. Pond's Forgeries.—The

Worcester Spy, of Saturday, says: "A meeting of the creditors of Lucius W. Pond was held at the office of Hon. P. C. Bacon, Register in Bankruptcy, Thursday afternoon, on the petition of the assignee, William Dickinson, Esq., for the purpose of arranging for the disposal of the entire bankrupt estate at private sale. Mr. Dickinson stated that Mr. J. P. Hale, of New York, had offered \$28,500 for their claims in full, Mr. Hale waiving all of his unsecured claims against the estate. After a general discussion of the proposition, it was voted unanimously to accept the offer, and the papers of transfer were made out yesterday, and were to have been signed last evening. By this arrangement all mortgages and taxes are assumed by the purchaser, and the affairs of the estate pass into private hands for further settlement. Mr. Hale, of course, being the principal owner. The number of raised, altered or reissued notes exceeds all anticipation, new lots coming to light nearly every day. Yesterday a lot of seven was handed into the Register of Bankruptcy, five of the number being altered notes, and two being on demand with indorsements, but as they were two years old, the indorsers cannot be held responsible. Many of the notes which have come in lately are held by people unacquainted with business paper transactions, and, having been personal friends of Mr. Pond, they think, of course, that their notes are among the good ones. The chemical test soon settles all doubt in the matter, and not one in twenty thus far has proved to be good. The Register in Bankruptcy wishes it stated that to entitle creditors to a dividend they must file their claims before him, and those holding 'Pond paper' cannot hand it in too soon."

The men at the Albany and Renaselaer Iron and Steel Works, says the Troy Times, are still in ignorance as to the amount of reduction which was to go into effect this week. Many express their disbelief in the notices of reduction. It is also thought by some that the reduction will not take place till something definite has been heard from the Burdens. It is almost positive that the Burdens will not reduce wages, and in this event there will probably be no reduction at any of the mills.



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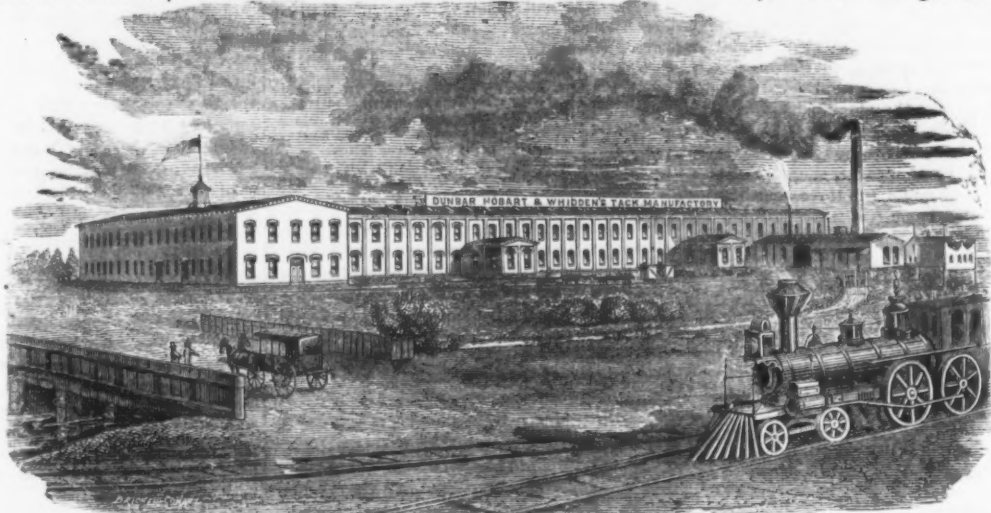
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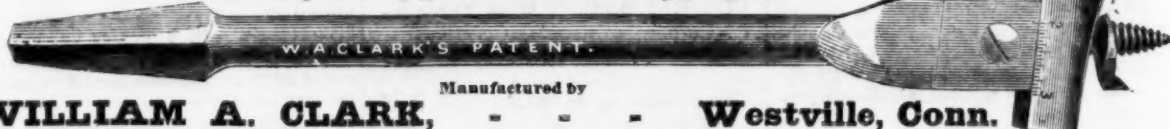
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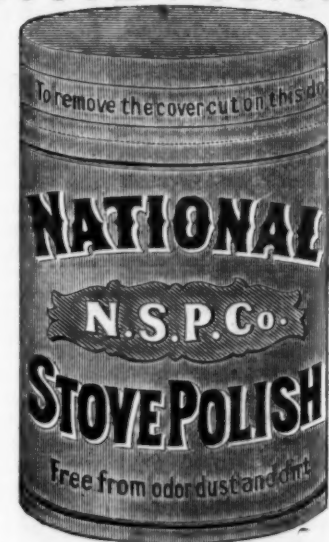


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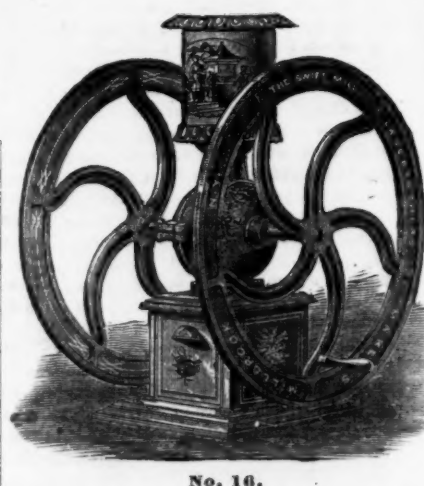
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Scientific and Technical Notes.

The *Popular Science Monthly* tells an interesting story of the very useful and practical employment of

A RAT IN THE TELEGRAPH SERVICE.  
by means of which a very serious blunder was rectified: "A telegraph inspector of England recently pressed into his service a rat under the following peculiar circumstances: It was necessary to overhaul a cable of wires inclosed in iron tubes. A certain length of the cable had to be taken out of the tube, and the men commenced hauling at one end without having taken the precaution to attach to the other a wire by which it might be drawn back into the tube after inspection and repairs. The question arose as to how the cable was to be restored to its proper place; and here the ingenuity of the inspector was manifested. He invoked the aid of a rat-catcher, and, provided with a large rat, ferret and a ball of string wound on a Morse paper drum, he repaired to the opening in the tube. The "flush boxes" were opened and the rat, with one end of the string attached to his body, was put into the pipe. He scampered away at a racing pace, dragging the twine with him until he reached the middle of the length of the pipe, and there stopped. The ferret was then put in, and off went the rat again until he sprang clear out of the next flush box. One length of the cable was thus safe, and the same operation was commenced with the other; but the rat stopped short a few yards in the pipe and boldly awaited the approach of the ferret. A sharp combat here commenced, and it was feared that one or of both the animals would die in the pipe. But, after sundry violent jerks had been given to the string, the combatants separated; the ferret returned to his master, and the rat, making for the other extremity of the pipe, carried the string right through, and so relieved the inspector from his anxiety.

The frequent escapes of convicts from prisons and penitentiaries, even from those lately built at great cost, has called forth some comments from the press of this and other countries, and it is commonly believed that few cells are strong enough to hold the ingenious Jack Shepherds of the present day, when they make up their minds to break out. To baffle the skill of these dangerous criminals, Messrs. Cook & Heaton, of Memphis, Tenn., have devised and reduced to scientific application

A NEW SYSTEM OF PRISON CONSTRUCTION, which has been covered by United States and foreign patents. The system combines strength with architectural beauty, and consists of several excellent features, which may be briefly described as follows: The cells are lined with the hardest cast iron, the doors, windows and frames, sashes being of one piece with perforations. As wrought iron is easily cut and filed, there is none of it used. The plates are connected without bolts or rivets. Any attempt of a prisoner to escape by cutting the walls of a cell is checked at once by the hollow wall system. The space in the wall, floor and ceiling is filled with kiln-dried sand, or other mobile material, which runs through an outlet by any opening that might be made, rendering it impossible for any prisoner to dispose of the same. An inexhaustible supply of this sand is furnished by a hopper constructed near the roof of the building or on top of the cells. Brick or wood walls, and single or double iron lining can be used for this system. In addition to the last mentioned plan, an alarm apparatus is connected with the sand, so that any noise or disturbance arising from cutting in any portion of the cell, is instantly heard in any part of the building. There is no limit to the number of places at which such alarms can be given simultaneously. Another plan of hollow columns supporting a number of cells, giving plenty of space below, is especially adapted to penitentiaries. The cells are disconnected from the main building by a drawbridge. The hollow columns concealing water and sewer pipes, oblique doors with perforations, give full view of interior of cells, without entrance, supplemented by stutters. In general, the system is ample and complete in all its details, and is well worthy the attention of cities, counties, States and general governments requiring prisons of any grade of construction or cost.

The commission appointed by the Secretary of the Navy to consider the best route for the proposed

AMERICAN INTER OCEANIC SHIP CANAL, have submitted a report to the President. The problem of connecting the two oceans has occupied the attention, as the report says, of statesmen, navigators and mariners for at least 375 years. The enormous saving of distance, time, cost and risk which it would give to the world has been carefully tabulated. There remains nothing to show but the feasibility of the route. This, the commissioners' report claims, has been done in the surveys made upon the Nicaragua route. The commission examined all the reports of surveys that have been made. Under the Darien route there are several distinct surveys: the Nap pt, recently reported in these dispatches by Lieut. Collins; the Caledonia, the Savard, and the San Blas. Beside these are the reports upon the Tehuantepec, the Nicaragua, and the Panama routes. The surveys of the Panama and Nicaragua routes were made by Capt. Lull, of the navy, Capt. Schufeldt, of the navy, surveyed the Tehuantepec route, and Capt. Selfridge, of the navy, the others. All these gentlemen were before the commission in its recent examination, and with maps aided in the explanation of the reports made by them. Upward of \$60,000 has been already expended upon these surveys. It is now regarded as of the highest importance that the United States take some action at once to carry out the feasible plans of the ship canal, in order to prevent either France or England from coming in and reaping the honor and profit of this great enterprise. The result of

this work cannot be fully estimated. The great saving in the carrying trade and the facilitating of the connections between Eastern Asia and Western America with Europe cannot be readily surmised. When the canal is completed nearly one-half of the carrying trade of the world will be revolutionized. The commission has made a most thorough examination of all the evidence before them, and warmly urge upon Congress the need of speedy action. Beside the testimony of the naval officers who have made the surveys, they had also the testimony of a civil commission made up of Messrs. Walton and Ammer, and Major McFarland, of the Army Engineer Corps, who have examined carefully the feasibility of a ship canal. In examining the various reports objections of an almost insurmountable nature were found in all but the Nicaragua route. It is a longer route than any of the others, with the exception, perhaps, of the Tehuantepec route, but its other advantages more than make up the bad feature of length. It is the only route where the climate is not dangerous to health. In the lower routes the malaria would destroy the greater portion of the workmen before the canal would be completed. It is the only route where a proper supply of water could be found, Lake Nicaragua upon this route being capable of furnishing a constant and uniform supply of water. The other routes are very defective in many other ways. They extend through a worthless waste of country that is impossible of development. The route through Nicaragua is represented as the paradise of Central America, and would return untold wealth under proper development. The cost of the ship canal via the Nicaragua route is thus recapitulated by A. G. Menocal, chief engineer of Capt. Lull's expedition. The total distance from the harbor of Greytown, or San Juan del Norte, is 181 26 statute miles. The cost for the canal for this distance is thus summarized:

Western division.....	\$31,830,777
Middle division.....	715,658
Eastern division.....	25,080,914
Harbor of Brito.....	2,877,729
Harbor of Greytown.....	2,823,630
Total.....	\$59,377,718
Add 55 per cent. for contingencies.....	13,144,439
Grand total.....	\$72,522,157

English patents have been granted for a NEW SYSTEM OF SINKING SHAFTS BY MACHINERY, of which much is expected. The machine is a pick, so constructed as to make a vertical cut. Guide lines or rails are placed on a circular table of a somewhat less diameter than the shaft, and while the cutter acts on the periphery of the circle, the machine travels forward and completely separates the center or core from the outer mass by a groove or ditch 2 in. in width, and to the depth of 12, 15, or 20 in., as may be most suitable. During the cutting of the ditch a light rock-drill is employed in boring a hole of the requisite depth in the center of the core, and when the cutting of the circle is complete, the table carrying the machine is elevated about 15 ft. by two compensating pulley blocks, the shot is fired, and in about five minutes the fillers are at work taking up the broken up core. The blasting is only of the nature of a lifting shot, and never cuts into the side or wall of the shaft, which is, in fact, left untouched by the action of the explosive. Where the work is in compact stone no lining of brick or masonry is required, and where the material is of a softer nature the sides remain in a perfectly undisturbed condition, and the lining process is effected more perfectly and in much less time than suffices where common sinking operations are carried on. It is calculated that where the machinery is made expressly for the purpose—the present being only altered coal cutting machines of old construction—an average of 12 to 15 yards per week will be done. At this rate a radical change will be brought about in opening new workings. The machine is driven by compressed air at about 30 lbs. pressure, and this will be a sensible relief to the men employed, and will diminish the danger from explosion or "black damp," often more than annoying in new sinkings.

The Western Union, and Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Companies are laying

PNEUMATIC TUBES from their offices in Broadway, in this city, and for other short distances, as a substitute for the telegraph. Preparations for the work have already considerably advanced. The former company expects to have the tubes in working order by New Year's day. There will be two tubes, each of which will consist of a lead pipe having 2 1/2 inches inside diameter, incased in an iron pipe, having an interior diameter of 3 inches, the latter being designed as a protection to the lead. The cylinders of the air pumps for compressing and exhausting the air in the tubes have a diameter of 35 inches. Messages from the main office will be dispatched by means of compressed air through one of the tubes, while those to be returned to the central office will pass through the other tube by exhausting the air, the engine, pumps and valves all being placed in the central office. The carriers are made of gutta percha, covered with felt cloth, the forward end being sufficiently enlarged to fill the tube, and thus prevent the passage of air in either direction beyond the carrier. It is calculated that the time occupied in sending a message from the central office to the office in Broad street will be about 25 seconds, while the arrangement will be such that one carrier, if necessary, can immediately follow another.

Experiments have lately been made at the City of Dublin Company's Works, Liverpool, with

A NEW COMPOSITE FUEL. To determine the value of the process a quantity of North Wales coal was obtained, and part of it manufactured into the fuel; both the coal and the fuel were then handed over to Mr. Nicholson, manager of the City of Dublin Company's Works, to be tested in the well

known experimental boiler attached to the works, and the trial (as is always the case there) was conducted solely under his directions and of Mr. Ferber, his assistant, and entirely independent of the patentee or anyone connected with him, and the following report of Mr. Ferber shows the result: Coal—Total water evaporated, 8000 lbs.; total coal consumed, 1036 lbs.; total time employed, 4h. 10m.; coal consumed per hour, 248 64 lbs.; water evaporated per hour, 1920 lbs.; water evaporated per lb. of coal, 7.772; pyrometer heat in flues, 934; temperature of waste heat in chimney, 611.5; clinker per cwt. of coal, 6.117 lbs.; ash per cwt. of coal, 1.563 lbs.; stowage cubic feet per ton of coal, 44.062. Fuel—Total water evaporated, 8000 lbs.; total fuel consumed, 952 lbs.; total time employed, 4 hours; fuel consumed per hour, 238 lbs.; water evaporated per hour, 3000 lbs.; water evaporated per lb. of fuel, 8.403 lbs.; pyrometer heat in flues, 901.75; temperature of waste heat in chimney, 621; clinker per cwt. of fuel, 4.571 lbs.; ash per cwt. of fuel, 1.428 lbs.; stowage cubic feet per ton of fuel, 33.658. This clearly shows that the fuel effects a saving in quantity, has greater evaporative power, greater heat, less clinker and ash, and stows in less space than coal by more than one-fourth. Mr. Ferber states: "This patent fuel is the best I have seen. It has very little smoke, stows away in less space than coal, and has very good heating properties, and I can, therefore, recommend it for marine purposes—No. 1 quality."

Formula for the Resistance of Iron and Steel.

BY PROF. LAUNHARDT, OF THE ROYAL POLYTECHNICUM AT HANNOVER.

Most engineers admit that the usual method of calculating quantities for iron structures is unscientific, and leads to waste of metal. The following investigations, based on Wohler's experiments, aim at establishing a system better in accordance with the present advanced state of engineering science:

Wohler found that iron is not only fractured by a single blow, sufficient to overcome the resistance of the metal at what he terms the limit of fracture, or fractural rigidity,  $b$ , but by a repetition of blows much under that limit. The farther the strain recedes from this limit, the more often must it be repeated to bring about fracture. This value is termed the working rigidity,  $a$ , of the material.

It was found, further, that this working rigidity is not a value constant under all circumstances; it becomes less according to difference of tension,  $d$ , of the material, i. e., its elastic variation of form. This difference is at its maximum when, after each separate tension, the material returns completely to its original condition. Let us call the working rigidity which corresponds to this maximum, the original rigidity,  $u$ , of the material. If the material, after each strain,  $a$ , is not permitted to return to a condition of non-tension, but only to a maximum tension,  $c$ , so that it endures each time a difference of tension  $d=a-c$ , the working rigidity,  $a$ , becomes greater than the original rigidity  $u$ . If, now, the difference of tension be supposed gradually to decrease, so that the smallest tension,  $c$ , continually approaches the greatest  $a$ , the limit is reached of a differentiation of tension,  $d=a$ , at which the material has to endure a uniform stress, cognizable as the limit of fracture,  $b$ .

The working rigidity,  $u$ , is thus seen to vary from the original rigidity,  $u$ , to the fractural rigidity,  $b$ , according to the range of the differentiated tension,  $d=a-c$ .

We have now to bring the working rigidity,  $a$ , into dependence on the range of the play of tension,  $d$ ; or, what comes to the same thing, to determine what differences of tension  $d$ , can be borne by the material when subjected to an infinitely often repeated strain,  $a$ ; that is, to calculate the form of the co-efficient  $a$  in the equation  $d=a-c$ .

The simplest form of the co-efficient  $a$ , corresponding to either extreme respectively to which the working rigidity,  $a$ , passes—the original rigidity,  $u$ , or the fractural  $b$ —is given by the

$$\text{value } a = \frac{b-a}{b-u}, \text{ as in the following equation:}$$
$$(1) \quad a = \frac{b-a}{b-u} \cdot u$$

If here  $a=u$ , then also  $d=u$ , and if  $a=b$ , then  $d=0$ .

It should be borne in mind that this form of the co-efficient  $a$  corresponds only to the two limits of rigidity above named. In order to ascertain whether the correctness of this equation (1) is established by the general result of Wohler's experiments, we will put it in another form. If  $c$ , as we have said, represents the smallest tension to which the material descends after each strain,  $a$ , then the difference of tension,  $d=a-c$ ; and therefore,

$$(2) \quad a = \frac{b-a}{b-u} \cdot u$$

and consequently,

$$(3) \quad a = \frac{u}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{u^2}{4} + c(b-u)}$$

In this shape, however, the formula would have little practical value. Considering that  $c$  and  $a$  are the strains reckoned for a unit of surface, and therefore, that  $c$  must remain undetermined until it is possible to make a transverse section of the parts of the construction, the equation cannot be used for finding the value of  $a$ , by which the transverse section itself has to be measured. Before the determination of the transverse sections the absolute values of  $c$  and  $a$ —the minimum and maximum strains for a unit of surface—are not known, but only their ratio  $\frac{a}{c}$ .

Taking account of this, we deduce from equation (2) the following formula:

$$a = u \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{b-u}{u} \cdot \frac{c}{a} \right)$$

Let us represent  $S_{max}$  the total strain which any part of a construction has to endure, and by  $S_{min}$ , the least strain, then since  $\frac{c}{a} = \frac{S_{min}}{S_{max}}$ , our formula can be thus written:

$$I. \quad a = u \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{b-u}{u} \cdot \frac{S_{min}}{S_{max}} \right)$$

By means of the equation can be found the value of the working rigidity,  $a$ , which the material has for each unit of surface.

We have now to test this hypothetical formula, which we have proved only in the two extreme cases, by a comparison of the results shown in Wohler's experiments. To this end we give in the following tables a parallel of these results with those deduced from our formula. The fractural rigidity of east steel = 1100 cwt., the original rigidity 500 cwt., the square inch (Rhenish), so that the formula assumes the simple shape:

$$a = 500 \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{S_{min}}{S_{max}} \right)$$

Results of Wohler's experiments.

Variation of strain.	Minimum tension. $S_{min}$ .	Maximum tension. $S_{max}$ .
500	0	500
450	250	700
400	400	800
300	600	900
0	1100	1.00

Deductions from Launhardt's formula.

Variation of strain.	Minimum tension. $S_{min}$ .	Maximum tension. $S_{max}$ .
500	0	500
461	250	711
400	400	800
300	600	900
0	1100	1.00

Of wrought iron, the fractural rigidity of which is 550 cwt., the square inch (Rhenish), Wohler finds the original rigidity to be 300 cwt., so that

$$a = 300 \cdot \left( 1 + 5 \cdot \frac{S_{min}}{S_{max}} \right)$$

A comparison of this formula with Wohler's experiment gives the following parallel:

Result of Wohler's experiments.

Variation of strain.	Minimum tension. $S_{min}$ .	Maximum tension. $S_{max}$ .
300	0	300
300	240	440
0	550	550

Deductions from Launhardt's formula.

Variation of strain.	Minimum tension. $S_{min}$ .	Maximum tension. $S_{max}$ .
300	0	300
197	240	437
0	550	550

Adapting these formulae to metrical weights and measures, we have in kilograms for the square centimeter:

For wrought iron—

$$a = 2190 \cdot \left( 1 + 5 \cdot \frac{S_{min}}{S_{max}} \right)$$

For cast steel—

$$a = 3650 \cdot \left( 1 + 5 \cdot \frac{S_{min}}{S_{max}} \right)$$

The working rigidities yielded by these formulae correspond to the tension limit at which fracture will follow an infinitely often repeated strain. For the sake of safety, the parts of a fabric are practically calculated for a tension much within this limit. Heed also should be paid to the fact that the actual strain may, in some cases, by unforeseen contingencies, the thrusting action of loads, etc., actually surpass the maximum calculated tension. An increase of the maximum tension changes greatly the proportion—

Multiplying, for safety sake, the calculated value  $S_{max}$  5.3, we have:

For wrought iron—

$$a = 2190 \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{S_{min}}{S_{max}} \right)$$

For cast steel—

$$a = 3650 \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{S_{min}}{S_{max}} \right)$$

It must further be taken into consideration that there may be defects in the material, that the section may become weakened by rust, that an equal distribution of the tension can seldom be looked for that the rigidity is influenced by such causes as  $c$ ,  $g$ , fresh riveting. Every perforation has a weakening effect, not simply by an actual diminution of the section, but by the altered and unequal distribution of the strain upon the integral section, which follows the change in its form.

For these reasons a certain part only of the rigidity of the material is counted upon. Up to the present time about a fourth part of the fractural rigidity has been reckoned the right proportion of the resisting power, while Wohler allows the half of the working rigidity. Although this view of Wohler cannot well be disputed, and it receives the assent of most judgments, calculations in accordance with it would deviate very widely from tradition, so widely as to make improbable any general acceptance of Wohler's doctrine.

In this regard we may recommend that about one-third of the working rigidity be made the base of calculation, and therefore, for the square centimeter in kilograms:

II. For wrought iron:

$$a = 800 \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{S_{min}}{S_{max}} \right)$$

For cast steel:

$$a = 1300 \cdot \left( 1 + \frac{S_{min}}{S_{max}} \right)$$

The dependence of the working rigidity upon the difference of tension no longer remains as given in the foregoing formula, if the material is alternately subjected to pressure and tensile strain. If the material endures uniformly a strain of like character, a change in length follows at each application of the strain. This variation of length is composed of an inelastic one, the former disappearing completely with each period of cessation of strain, the latter remaining. Wohler found

—and his results appear to have been confirmed by the researches of other experimenters—that the elastic alteration of length is entirely independent of the permanent, and, almost to the limit of fracture, in proportion to the amount of strain; in other words, that the modulus of elasticity maintains a uniform value almost to the point at which fracture takes place.

A permanent change of length is first to be perceived when the strain has attained an amount which we term the limit of elasticity; after this, the permanent change increases in a greater proportion as the strain increases. Until the law of this increase can be stated, the value of the limit of elasticity can not be given with exactitude; it will depend very considerably on the degree of accuracy with which the experiments have been conducted. This will explain the varying statements made at different times concerning the amount of the limit of elasticity.

It is worthy of notice that, after a permanent change in length, iron passes over to a new condition of molecular equilibrium, in which, on repetition of the same strain, it does not undergo fresh longitudinal change, and shows no appreciable variation in its modulus of elasticity from its original condition. It follows that the prescriptive rule, not to employ materials for a strain surpassing the limit of their elasticity, is unfounded.

Proportions are altogether altered when the material is subjected alternately to pressure and tensile strain. If a girder be taken which has undergone tensile strain beyond the limits of its elasticity, and then acquired permanent extension, and be exposed to pressure, which also exceeds the elasticity, the permanent extension is destroyed, and a permanent compression takes its place. If this action is repeated, the material will experience continual molecular disturbances beyond the measure of the elastic variation of form, and these will permanently destroy it. Nothing further need be added to show that for alternately tensile and crushing strains a measure for the working rigidity has to be found in the limit of elasticity.

Wohler's experiments seem to establish this completely, since the strains which were endured in infinite repetition of alternate pressure and ducton, correspond to the measure commonly given as the limit of elasticity—i. e., for wrought iron, 160 cwt.; for cast steel, 300 cwt., the square inch (Rhenish), or, in kilograms for the square centimeter:

For wrought iron, 1168 kilograms.

For cast steel, 2100 kilograms.

The experiments are limited to the case where each strain, absolutely taken, is equally great; they give no elucidation of the method of obtaining the working rigidity if the strain is greater in one kind than the other. Until the results of exhaustive experiments are before us, we may act upon the rule accepted in America, according to which a certain strain is fixed as safe for the sum of the tensile and crushing strains,  $c$ ,  $g$ , for the square centimeter:

For wrought iron, 800 kilograms.

For cast steel, 1300 kilograms.

According to the principles above deduced, a trustworthy rule applicable to mixed relations may be stated as follows:

(1) For parts such as axles, shafts, spindles, piston rods, cranes, etc., subjected to equal moments of crushing and tensile strain:

Wrought iron, 400 kilograms.

For cast steel, 600 kilograms.

(2) For parts subjected alternately to vertical and tensile strain in unequal proportions, the sum of the strains must be 800 kilograms for wrought iron and 1300 kilograms for steel.

(3) For parts which after each strain return to a condition in which there is no strain, and for which, therefore, in the formula  $S_{min}=0$ , we have:

For wrought iron, 800 kilograms.

For cast steel, 1300 kilograms.

(4) For parts which have to resist spans varying from a fixed minimum strain,  $S_{min}$ , to a maximum strain,  $S_{max}$ , as many parts of the main girders of iron bridges, one has to choose for the unit of surface, the allowed tension on pressure according to the formula II.

In most parts of the main girders of iron bridges, the relation of the minimum and maximum strains  $\frac{S_{min}}{S_{max}}$ , is proportioned to the relation of weight of material in it for the whole load. This relation can according to experience be set for a bridge of  $L$  meter span at

$$0.09 + 0.0045 L, \text{ so that replacing } \frac{S_{min}}{S_{max}}, \text{ by these values, the material is, in main girders of iron bridges, subject to a tension on pressure:}$$

For wrought iron,  $856 + 1.8 L$  kilograms at the square centimeter.

For cast steel,  $1354 + 4 L$  kilograms at the square centimeter.

(5) For parts which are subjected to an unvarying pressure as,  $c$ ,  $g$ , most of the parts of a building, the verticals in a parabolic support, the crossed diagonals of which have received an initial strain, equal to half their maximum strain:

For wrought iron, 1300 kilograms.

For cast steel, 2100 kilograms.

It will be seen from the foregoing that the strain for the square centimeter, regard being had to its relation to the working rigidity, must be taken at from 400 to 1300 kilograms for wrought iron, and from 600 to 2100 kilograms for cast steel.

The creditors of Secor & Son, proprietors of the Union Iron Works, this city, held a meeting last Wednesday. Over thirty creditors were present or represented by counsel. Twenty-seven of the creditors proved their claims, among the largest being the following: Warner & Swiss, \$12,104.04; James H. Holden, \$5891.85; A. D. & J. N. Brookman, \$3015.91; Daniel F. Comey, \$1997.51. Claims to the amount of \$26,961.95 were admitted.







## ARCHITECTURAL IRON WORK.

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PART IV.  
(Continued.)

From the tables previously published is obtained the following:

## TARIFF OF PRICES FOR LABOR AND MATERIALS.

Cost.	Charge.	Cost.	Charge.
Blacksmith (forge) and 1 helper.....	\$7.11	Laborers.....	\$1.50
2 helpers.....	10.00	Drill machine and 1 man.....	3.50
Finishers, machinists.....	3.50	Small lathe and 1 man.....	4.00
extra helpers.....	2.55	Planer and 1 man.....	4.00
Pattern makers.....	4.40	Column turning machine, etc.....	6.00

In making out bills for jobbing work always charge for the following:

Pattern materials, Screws, etc., Bolts and nuts, Files,	Cast iron, by weight, Wrought iron, by weight, Labor,	Cartage, Pattern makers, Finishers, Blacksmiths, Machine nec, Boxing.
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It is important that the cost of every article of common manufacture be made up in a book to be kept for that purpose. From time to time, as variations arise in prices of labor or materials, these costs must be revised.

As illustrations, the costs of a number of leading articles is given in detail below. From these the manner of definitely arriving at the cost of any article will be readily understood:



Cost of ordinary sharp fluted round columns, with carved heads and cap and base plates:

Diameter.....	4 in.	5 in.	6 in.	7 in.	8 in.	9 in.	10 in.
Length.....	8 ft.	9 ft.	10 ft.	11 ft.	12 ft.	13 ft.	14 ft.
Average cost of pattern.....	\$0.30	\$0.50	\$0.75	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$1.50	\$1.75
Molding—3 small columns a day— 1 helper.....	1.50	1.50	2.10	2.40	2.70	3.00	3.30
Facing.....	.25	.25	.30	.35	.40	.45	.50
Core—dry sand.....	.75	.85	.95	1.10	1.20	1.35	1.50
Chaplets, nails, &c.....	.25	.25	.30	.35	.40	.45	.50
Cleaning.....	.30	.30	.35	.40	.45	.50	.55
Chipping.....	.25	.25	.30	.35	.40	.45	.50
Labor, taking out of foundry and loading.....	.25	.25	.30	.35	.40	.45	.50
Painting.....	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90	1.00
Cartage.....	.40	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90	1.00
Molding cap and base plates.....	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15
Turning ends in lathe.....	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60	.60
Lossage—1 column in 8.....	.40	.37	.34	.32	.30	.28	.26
Weight 25 lbs. to foot, including weight of cap and base plates.....							
Pig iron at \$20 per ton (See Table Cost of Melted Iron) 1 lb. per pound \$27c.....	\$6.54	\$5.83	\$5.17	\$4.61	\$4.17	\$3.73	\$3.39
Total cost.....	\$13.35	\$15.10	\$16.51	\$18.01	\$19.51	\$21.01	\$22.51
Cost per foot.....	\$1.55	\$1.72	\$1.95	\$2.27	\$2.67	\$3.07	\$3.40
	\$200 lbs	\$270 lbs	\$360 lbs	\$465 lbs	\$585 lbs	\$720 lbs	\$860 lbs

† These items pay for breaking up in case of loss in casting. Add a profit of 20 per cent. to get the selling price.

## USUAL SIZE OF PLATES.

Diameter of Column.	Cap Plate.	Base Plate.	Diameter of Column.	Cap Plate.	Base Plate.
4 in.	10x10x 1/2	8x 8x 1/2	8 in.	14x14x 1/2	12x12x 1/2
5 "	12x12x 1/2	10x10x 1/2	9 "	14x14x 1/2	12x12x 1/2
6 "	12x12x 1/2	10x10x 1/2	10 "	14x14x 1/2	12x12x 1/2
7 "	12x12x 1/2	10x10x 1/2			

The cores should be made in one piece in length, the castings made of a uniform thickness of metal, straight and reasonably perfect, and the ends turned off true in a lathe. The somewhat common practice of making columns with a greater thickness at the ends, where it is observable, than at any other part should not be followed. The risk that is thereby assumed is greater than the value of the metal saved warrants.

## ROUND COLUMNS.

Cost of deep fluted round columns with full leaf Corinthian capitals and Attic bases:

Diameter.....	8 in.	10 in.	12 in.	14 in.	16 in.
Length.....	12 ft.	12 ft.	12 ft.	12 ft.	12 ft.
Average cost of pattern.....	\$0.50	\$0.70	\$0.85	\$1.00	\$1.25
Molding—1 day molder, \$3.00.....	4.50	5.25	6.75	7.75	9.00
Facing.....	.45	.50	.60	.70	.85
Core.....	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25
Chaplets, nails, &c.....	.45	.50	.60	.70	.85
Cleaning.....	.45	.50	.60	.70	.85
Chipping.....	.60	.75	.90	1.05	1.20
Labor, taking out of foundry and loading.....	.40	.50	.60	.70	.85
Painting.....	.60	.75	.90	1.05	1.20
Cartage.....	.75	1.00	1.20	1.45	1.70
Molding cap and base plates.....	.20	.24	.24	.24	.24
Turning ends in lathe.....	.90	1.25	1.25	1.60	1.95
Lossage, 1 column in 8.....	1.00	1.33	1.67	2.00	2.33
Weight (including weight of cap and base plates, at \$27c @ lb.).....	\$24.33	\$33.35	\$42.37	\$51.39	\$60.41
Pig iron taken at \$20 per ton. See table of cost of melted iron.....	\$35.06	\$48.60	\$62.14	\$75.68	\$89.22
Total cost.....	\$59.39	\$81.95	\$104.51	\$127.07	\$149.63
	\$744 lbs.	\$1,030 lbs.	\$1,316 lbs.	\$1,602 lbs.	\$1,888 lbs.
COST OF CAPITAL.					
Outside diameter at neck.....	6 1/2 in.	8 1/2 in.	10 in.	12 in.	14 in.
Weight, 40 lbs., at \$27c.....	\$1.30	\$2.16	\$2.70	\$3.24	\$3.78
Molding.....	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.50	2.75
Other expenses in foundry.....	.50	.65	.80	.95	1.10
Finishing, fitting and putting up.....	.75	1.00	1.20	1.40	1.60
Screws, rivets, files, etc.....	.30	.35	.40	.45	.50
Painting.....	.15	.18	.20	.22	.25
Cartage.....	.15	.20	.25	.30	.35
COST OF SHELL BASE.					
Weight, 90 lbs., at \$27c.....	\$2.43	\$2.43	\$2.43	\$2.43	\$2.43
Molding.....	.65	.75	.85	.95	1.05
Other expenses in foundry.....	.30	.35	.40	.45	.50
Finishing, fitting and putting up.....	.45	.50	.60	.70	.80
Screws, rivets, files, etc.....	.15	.18	.20	.22	.25
Painting.....	.12	.15	.18	.20	.22
Cartage.....	.12	.15	.18	.20	.22
Total cost.....	\$7.77	\$8.22	\$8.70	\$9.20	\$9.73
	\$40 lbs.	\$50 lbs.	\$60 lbs.	\$70 lbs.	\$80 lbs.

† These items pay for breaking up in case of loss in casting. Add a profit of 20 per cent. to get the selling price.

NOTE.—It will be observed that when the length of the column is increased or diminished, the cost varies only as to the quantity of iron in the column. All the other items remain the same.

Cost of panelled box columns, including the cost of workmanship and materials of capitals and fastening the same on at building.

Size.....	6x12 and 12x12	8x14 and 14x14	10x16 and 16x16	12x18 and 18x18	14x20 and 20x20
Average cost of patterns.....	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$1.35	\$1.50
Molding.....	4.50	5.00	5.50	6.00	6.75
Facing.....	.50	.60	.70	.80	.90
Core.....	1.00	1.10	1.20	1.30	1.40
Chaplets, nails, etc.....	.25	.30	.35	.40	.45
Cleaning.....	.40	.45	.50	.55	.60
Chipping.....	1.00	1.10	1.15	1.25	1.30
Labor, getting in flasks, taking out casting, etc.....	1.00	1.15	1.30	1.50	1.75
Painting.....	.75	.80	.85	.90	1.00
Molded cap and base plates.....	1.00	1.00	1.25	1.25	1.50
Turning ends in lathe.....	1.00	1.00	1.20	1.20	1.40
Lossage, 1 column in 8.....	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.68	1.93
	\$13.88	\$14.97	\$17.07	\$18.44	\$21.36

Cost of Corinthian capital, running back the full depth of the column on both sides.

Weight.....	2.19†	2.84†	3.27†	3.92†	4.64†
Molding.....	1.80	2.10	2.40	2.70	3.00
Other expenses in foundry.....	.80	.90	1.00	1.20	1.40
Finishing, fitting and putting up.....	1.00	1.00	1.25	1.25	1.50
Screws, files, etc.....	.25	.25	.25	.30	.35
Painting.....	.25	.25	.30	.30	.35
Cartage.....	.15	.15	.20	.20	.25
The average for windows and doors is two-thirds of this.....	\$9.24	\$10.39	\$11.67	\$12.87	\$14.49
Cost, without iron.....	\$6.16	\$6.98	\$7.78	\$8.58	\$9.66
Cost, without iron.....	\$19.99	\$21.90	\$24.85	\$27.02	\$30.92
	†67 lbs.	†87 lbs.	†100 lbs.	†150 lbs.	†143 lbs.

\* These items pay for breaking up in case of loss in casting.

## TABLE.

[Arranged from the foregoing details.]

Cost of workmanship on box columns, including leaf capitals, say:

6x12.....	\$14.00	10x12.....	\$17.09	14x12.....	\$19.00	18x12.....	\$20.00
6x14.....	14.50	10x14.....	17.50	14x14.....	19.50	18x14.....	20.50
6x16.....	15.00	10x16.....	18.00	14x16.....	20.00	18x16.....	21.00
6x18.....	15.50	10x18.....	18.50	14x18.....	20.50	18x18.....	22.00
6x20.....	16.00	10x20.....	19.00	14x20.....	21.00	18x20.....	23.00
8x12.....	14.00	12x12.....	17.09	16x12.....	19.00	20x12.....	20.00
8x14.....	14.50	12x14.....	17.50	16x14.....	19.50	20x14.....	21.00
8x16.....	15.00	12x16.....	18.00	16x16.....	20.00	20x16.....	22.00
8x18.....	15.50	12x18.....	18.50	16x18.....	20.50	20x18.....	23.00
8x20.....	16.00	12x20.....	19.00	16x20.....	21.00	20x20.....	24.00

Weights of ordinary box columns, panelled, made as light as can be safely run, and with open backs.

[Plates included.]

Size.	Weight in lbs.	Size.	Weight in lbs.	Size.	Weight in lbs.	Size.	Weight in lbs.	Size.	Weight in lbs.
6x10.....	68 8x10.....	78 10x10.....	87 12x10.....	96 14x10.....	105 16x10.....	113 18x10.....	126 20x10.....	138 22x10.....	148
6x12.....	78 8x12.....	87 10x12.....	96 12x12.....	104 14x12.....	113 16x12.....	123 18x12.....	135 20x12.....	145 22x12.....	153
6x14.....	89 8x14.....	96 10x14.....	105 12x14.....	113 14x14.....	123 16x14.....	133 18x14.....	145 20x14.....	153 22x14.....	163
6x16.....	99 8x16.....	107 10x16.....	117 12x16.....	123 14x16.....	134 16x16.....	144 18x16.....	154 20x16.....	165 22x16.....	175
6x18.....	109 8x18.....	118 10x18.....	128 12x18.....	136 14x18.....	146 16x18.....	156 18x18.....	166 20x18.....	178 22x18.....	188
6x20.....	120 8x20.....	128 10x20.....	138 12x20.....	149 14x20.....	160 16x20.....	170 18x20.....	180 20x20.....	190 22x20.....	190

## EXAMPLE.

What is the cost of a box column 14 in. face, 16 in. deep and 12 ft. long?

Weight, 134 lbs. to a foot (see above table)—1608 lbs. @ \$27c.....	\$435.58
Workmanship, including the capital.....	30.00
Cost.....	\$465.58
Add 20 per cent. profit.....	93.12
Sell.....	\$558.70

Is \$7.27 per lineal foot, or 5.48c. per pound.

NOTE.—If columns are deep panelled or heavy moldings in panels, the weight will be considerably more. Shutter grooves are required add for additional weight and labor. Setting of columns always charged in addition.

## CAST IRON BEAM.

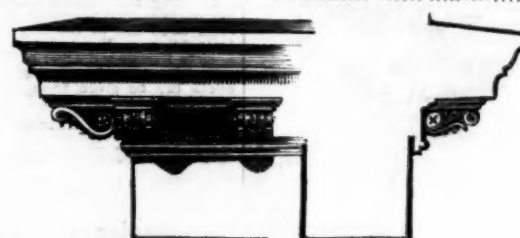
Suitable to sustain three stories of 12 inch brick wall. Length between supports, 20 feet.



Top flange, 4"x1 1/2".  
Center flange, 2 1/2"x 1 1/2"—14 inches at ends.  
Bottom flange, 12"x2 1/2".

Average cost of pattern, flasks, etc.....	\$2.00
Molding—2 molders 1 day, \$3.00.....	\$6.00
1 helper 1 day.....	1.50
Facing.....	.40
Chaplets, etc.....	.40
Cleaning.....	.50
Chipping.....	1.50
Labor, bringing in flasks, getting out castings, etc.....	1.00
Sundries.....	1.00
Painting.....	1.25
Cartage.....	2.24
Lossage, 1 beam in 15.....	113.96
Weight, 3485 lbs. @ \$27c.....	\$941.75
Cost.....	\$1,055.71
Add 20 per cent. profit for selling price.....	211.14

## LINTEL AND CORNICE COURSE.



such as generally used above the first story columns.

Lintel—Weight, say 100 lbs. to ft. at \$27c.....	\$27.00
Molding, etc.....	2.00
Cost.....	\$29.00
Cornice—Weight 45 lbs. to ft. at \$27c.....	\$12.15
Molding, etc.....	.60
Fitting up at shop.....	2.00
Putting up at building.....	.50
Screws, bolts, files, etc.....	.30
Painting.....	4.87
Cartage.....	.20
Sundries.....	.25
Cost per foot.....	\$16.99
Add 20 per cent. profit for selling price.....	\$3.39

## WINDOW LINTEL.



Average cost of pattern.....	\$0.15
Molding.....	1.20
Facing.....	.08
Cleaning.....	.12
Chipping.....	.15
Labor.....	.25
Painting.....	.20
Cartage.....	.10
Sundries.....	.10
Lossage, 1 lintel in 10.....	2.94
Weight, 90 lbs. at \$27c.....	\$24.33
Cost.....	\$27.27
Add 25 per cent. profit for selling price.....	\$6.82

## OAT MANGER.

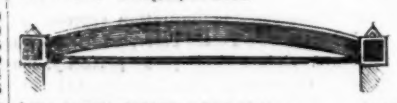
Size inside, 22 1/2 in. by 14 1/2 in. by 9 1/2 in. deep.



Weight, 60 lbs. at \$27c.....	\$16.20
Molding.....	.10
Facing, molding sand, handling, etc.....	.60
Cleaning, chipping, files, etc.....	.12
Cartage.....	.08
Lossage.....	.10
Cost.....	\$17.20
Add 33 1/2 per cent. profit for selling price.....	\$23.00

## ARCH GIRDER.

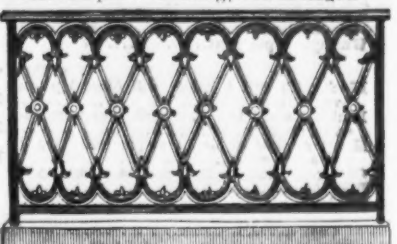
Suitable to sustain four stories of 12 inch brick wall. Length, 25 feet.



Average cost of pattern, flasks, &c..... \$2.50  
Molding—2 molders 1 day each..... \$3.00—\$6.00  
2 helpers 1 day each..... 1.50—3.00  
Corros..... 9.00

Use of punch, shears, &c.....	\$49.30
Rivets, 150 at 7c.....	10.50
Painting.....	8.40
Cartage and handling.....	4.00
Cost.....	\$161.70
Add 25 per cent. profit for selling price.....	\$40.43

RAILING.  
Cost of 1 panel of railing, 6 ft. in length.

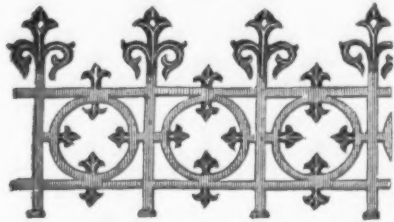


Forging.....	\$1.00
Finishing in shop.....	1.50
Lead—2 1/2 lbs. @ 8c.....	.20



Bar iron \$25 per ton.....at 3-22c.	\$5.12
Sheet iron, No. 16, 4' x 6' 3", including laps.....	69
Wastage, 10 per cent.....	7
Blacksmith and 1 helper will forge 3 pair a day, \$7.11, 18.....	4.18
Finisher and 1 helper, with shop expenses on same, making say.....	2.37
Hanging, flake and 1 helper will hang 6 pair a day, say.....	3.00
Cartage (8 pair to a load) and handling, say.....	1.00
Painting.....	.50
Sundries.....	.50
Cost.....	\$17.27
Cost per square foot, superficial, 73c.	
Add 35 per cent. profit for selling price.	

ROOF CRESTING.



Average weight per foot, including 2 finials to each 25 ft. 10 lbs. at 3-22c.	\$3.33
Molding and other costs in foundry.....	.30
Cleaning, chipping, etc.....	.05
Fitting up in shop.....	.10
Screws, files, etc.....	.03
Painting, cartage, sundries, etc.....	.06
Putting up at building.....	.15
Cost, per foot.....	\$3.94
Add 35 per cent. profit for selling price.	

These illustrations could be carried to the full extent of showing the cost of every article that pertains to the business. Enough has been given to enable any foundryman to adapt these principles to his own particular class of work, based on the business expenses under which he rests.

The cost of most, if not all, of the articles given in illustration may appear excessive. It must be remembered, however, that there are but few of a kind to be made at a time, and at considerable intervals of time apart. To get out the patterns and flasks and shifting of various articles, all takes time which must be considered. The molding time and expenses connected therewith, and risk of losing the casting, is greater when making up a small number than they are in making up a large number. So in the delivery by cartage, a small number of castings and light weight have frequently to be taken for a load. No one need be told that the cost is much more, proportionately, in making two or three castings of a kind than it is in making two or three hundred. It would be a waste of time to recite why the cost is proportionately less on a greater than on a lesser number; it is self-evident to every foundryman.

This printed information and guide is entirely in the interest of the producer. It is to enable him to fully cover the cost of every article, and not to make a profit on one article and a loss on another. Everything should be taken out of the realm of guess-work and brought down to hard facts. If errors are to be made at all, they need to be made on the winning side. The costs had better be calculated excessively than not enough. It is quite probable that after a foundryman arranges a complete line of costs of the various articles he manufactures, on the system here laid out, that the result will be a curtailment of his business by reason of being unable to compete in prices with his neighbors. Such a man need have no regrets. Let him confine himself to such articles as do pay, or raise the standard of his work so as to command a superior price in market. How many men at the end of a year, after doing a large business, are unable to account to themselves for not making money? They cannot discover where any material savings could have been made or greater economy practiced, and yet there is nothing to show for a whole year's hard labor and anxiety. The fault lay in the fact that a considerable portion of their manufactures were made at a loss. The thousand and one small items had not been considered, and a system of self-deception had been continuously practiced, bringing, in the end, disappointment and discouragement. These small items make up a gross sum which is truly astonishing. A smaller business may be done, but it will be a profitable one, and will steer clear of bankruptcy. The making up of detailed tables of costs are generally considered disagreeable duties, and put off as long as possible. They are necessary to success, and if a foundryman studies his best interest, he will not only make them complete, but often revise them.

In no department should anything be left to guess work. In taking off quantities from plans, &c., for the purpose of making proposals, it should be done in such a detailed manner as to be readily referred to and compared with the executed work.

In the foundry a careful and experienced man should act as foreman. Practical ability in turning out good castings is the one great requisite in such a man, and not one full of scientific theories. More money will be made or lost in the foundry than in any other department. The making of unnecessary flasks must be guarded against—those on hand used as much as possible; the stock of weights, arbors, etc., kept as low as the limits of work will allow; wages seen to that nothing above market rates is paid, and the work properly sorted—the common castings to the cheap grade of molders, the better qualities to the higher grade of molders. The melting must be looked after to see that the mixtures of iron are properly made, and the cupola charged without waste of material. Economy everywhere must be enforced.

In the pattern shop a foreman of experience, good judgment and exceedingly careful and correct must be selected. Molding is rendered difficult or simple as the patterns are made. The patterns for building work are rarely intricate, and the shrinkage of iron and the con-

traction of castings in cooling are governed by very simple laws.

Between the draughtsman in making working drawings, and the foreman of pattern makers, and the foreman of molders perfect accord should reign. It is not always possible to design the casting with equal masses of metal throughout, and then the responsibility will devolve upon the founder, who must, by accelerating cooling of parts by early uncovering, or by retarded cooling of other parts, produce a simultaneous rate of cooling throughout the casting. Great care must be exercised in making patterns to secure a proper distribution of metal. This arises from the fact that in cooling the thinnest parts of the casting become quite cool, while the heavier parts are yet red hot. The part which has cooled first having contracted and set, while the other portion is yet soft, the result is that the casting pulls apart in the mold, or is left with a strain and tension which, upon being subjected to a sudden jar or even to the influences of the weather in expanding or contracting the iron, will produce after breakage.

In the finishing department the foreman must have a thorough practical knowledge of his branch of work, and ability to control the men under him and get out of them all the work possible. And he must not only have the drive and snap in him, but the workmanship of his men must be good, as well as expeditiously done.

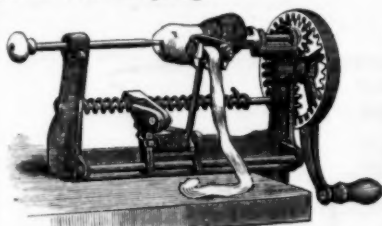
Over all, the care and watchfulness of the manager must be omnipresent. Waste must be prevented, each department made to work systematically and harmoniously with every other, surplus men cut off, and the pay rolls kept within the closest bounds. Supplies must be bought at the lowest ruling rates, and every item in liberal quantities. The shop must be kept well supplied with work. If good results are to be obtained from journeymen, they must have confidence that there is a full quota of work ahead. Otherwise they will nurse their work in order not to work themselves out of a job. The work must be regular and not spasmodic. Men work with a will and do their best in busy times, and the reverse of this in dull times. The beginning and the end of the business rests on the manager—on his industry, patience, skill and experience.

The foundry business is peculiar in one respect. The manager has continually to overcome a tendency to name lower rates per pound in taking orders than the facts of the real cost of production warrants. The business is carried on for the purpose of making money, and that aim needs constantly to be enforced by thorough and systematic arrangement of and reference to tables of costs.

The field is broad enough without calling forth an unhealthy competition. Frequent and friendly intercourse between those engaged in the same pursuits, and comparisons of opinions and experiences contribute to the common good. What effects the prosperity of one affects more or less the prosperity of all. It is certainly desirable to know positively what products cost, and to establish prices which allow fair profits. It is hoped that the publication of these tables and general guide for the conduct of the business will give to those engaged in the manufacture of iron work for buildings a broader comprehension of their business, and also induce them to make careful and complete statistics of everything relating thereto, and make public that knowledge. Great mutual benefits will result. The magnificent proportions which the manufacture of this class of iron work is to assume in the future can scarcely be realized.

#### Potato Parer.

The accompanying illustration represents D. H. Whittemore's Potato Parer, which the manufacturer claims will pare perfectly, long, crooked or unevenly shaped potatoes at a great saving of time, and an immense saving of the potato over hand-paring.



The spindle or rod seen in the cut is used only on extra long potatoes. It pares turnips, and can also be used as an Apple Parer. They are offered to the trade by J. Clark Wilson & Co., who are sole agents for these goods, at \$15 per dozen, net.

#### The Woodruff Iron Works.

We take the following from the Hartford Times of the 4th instant: The creditors of the "Woodruff Iron Works" met in accordance with their adjournment, at the United States Hotel, at 2 p. m., yesterday. The committee appointed the previous meeting to enquire as to the financial condition of the company, and report what course in their judgment is advisable for the creditors to pursue in regard to it, submitted a verbal report. They had examined the statement made by the previous committee embodying the appraisal of the property, bills payable and a schedule of indebtedness; and had also conferred with Mr. Woodruff, his book-keeper and others who were conversant with the affairs of the company. The capital was at first furnished by the late Abijah Woodruff. It was insufficient, and his estate is complicated in the affairs of the company. Without much capital or credit, the firm had worked up to a large business (over \$700,000), in three years. But it had done business to a disadvantage. It had borrowed money at heavy rates, evidently, for its interest account was enormous. The property of

Abijah Woodruff and of the company had been mortgaged or put up as collateral, till they could go no farther. The Chicago fire destroyed a large interest of Mr. Samuel Woodruff, in the Putnam Fire Insurance stock, which had been previously pledged as collateral, and which was now worth nothing, leaving a heavy indebtedness upon that gentleman individually, who had no means to meet it. Over the mortgages and liens, judgments, and assigned contracts of the company, there appeared to be something remaining according to the appraisal; but this would probably be absorbed, should the concern attempt to go on. There was not enough to pay much to unsecured creditors—nothing, should the machinery, tools and patterns be subject to a forced sale, with an understanding that the works were to be closed up entirely. The committee thought it was best for the creditors to put the company into bankruptcy in the United States Court. By this course the unsecured creditors would lose nothing, for by any other they could get nothing. Should they secure nothing out of the assets by this course, they might get an incidental advantage in clearing Mr. Woodruff of his debts, and opening the way for him to earn something in the future. Freed from debt he might secure aid to purchase the machinery at the appraisal, or act as the agent of a company that would purchase it. He has a high reputation for doing good work, and can get work enough to do if he is permitted to do it—work that would not otherwise come to this city. If relieved of the indebtedness that holds him down, he would probably be able to arrange for a business that would give considerable employment to workmen here. Should he go into bankruptcy voluntarily, he could not get a discharge without paying 50 cents on the dollar, without the consent of a large part of his creditors. If put into bankruptcy by his creditors they will get the benefit of the property that may be found above the mortgaged and assigned assets, if any such property appears. The committee who made this report were Messrs. F. A. Pratt, William A. Healy, C. C. Kimball and A. E. Burr, of Hartford, and Mr. Emmons, of New York. A vote was passed, with hardly a dissenting voice, that it was advisable for the creditors to place the Woodruff Iron Works into bankruptcy in the United States court. There were thirty-four of the creditors present.

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A very desirable office at 42 Cliff Street, New York. Possession immediately.

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A hardware traveler familiar with the Eastern and Middle States; also, one for the Middle and Northwestern States; also, one for the Western and Southwestern States, to sell only to the jobbing trade.

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A position as traveling salesman, by a single middle-aged man, with a number of years' experience, and a large acquaintance with the wholesale and retail hardware merchants throughout the West. Can furnish good city references.

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A rolling mill superintendent is open to an engagement as superintendent of mill manager. Is now engaged in one of the largest rolling mills in the United States. Has had over twenty years' experience in Europe and America in the manufacture of railroad and merchant bar iron. The best of references can be given from past and present employers. MILL MANAGER, Office of The Iron Age, 10 Warren St., N. Y.

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In market, 6400 acres timber lands. 40 inexhaustible IRON ORE banks on water and rail in Missouri. Offered till January 1st at \$4.00 per acre.

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Solid and Homogeneous. Guaranteed tensile strength, 25 tons to square inch. An invaluable substitute for expensive forgings, or for Cast Iron requiring great strength. Send for circular and price list to

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SITUATION WANTED.—By a man of 25 years' experience in the Mercantile Iron business. Is thoroughly acquainted with Bar, Sheet and Plate Iron business, and has an extensive acquaintance throughout the West, having for seven years successfully filled the position of traveling salesman. Will be open to an engagement from Jan. 1. Address, T. S., 60,000 lbs., Office of The Iron Age, 10 Warren St., N. Y.

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Manufacturers and Jobbers please send price lists with discounts to

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The TRENTON VISE & TOOL WORKS, Trenton, N. J., having increased their facilities, are now able to do all kinds of Iron and Steel Drop Forgings in quantities to order at reasonable rates.

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In a foundry and machine business, already well established. Locality splendid and healthy. A practical man who is already well established. Address, CAR WHEEL FOUNDRY, P. O. Box 134, Selma, Alabama.

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THE COPARTNERSHIP of J. P. Verree & Co., being about to expire by limitation, that firm, now engaged in the manufacture of Edge Tools, Hammers, &c., at Verree's Mills, Philadelphia, desiring to discontinue business, offer For Sale the good-will, stock and fixtures of said concern at a reasonable figure. The property can be leased for a term of years at a much reduced rate. Address, J. P. VERREE & CO., Verree's Mills, P. O. Philadelphia, Pa. JOHN P. VERREE. W. G. JUSTICE.

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at Napanoch, Ulster Co., State of New York, on the Delaware and Hudson Canal, with extra facilities, and a capacity of 30 tons per day. Andhra or 15 tons of Charcoal, together with a splendid water-power, goes with the furnace. The furnace is in good order and could be put in blast in a short time. Will be sold very low on accommodating terms. Charcoal can be had for many years. If not sold before January 20th, 1876, it will be offered at auction on that date at the furnace.

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The patent for R. H. Hasenritter's Improved Smoothing Iron, described on 358, issue 4th Inst. Scientific American, is for sale to the highest bidder, between now and the first days of 1876. For further information, apply to R. H. HASENRITTER, Hermann, Mo.

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Upright Corliss Engine, 32 in. cylinder, 5 ft. stroke; wheel, 39 tons, 35 ft. diam. Puddling Train, Merchant Train, 16 in., built by Totten. Rotary Squeezer, Etc., Etc. Testing Machine. Bolt Cutters. Milling Machines, and all Machinery necessary for Bridge Work. In lots to suit. Apply to WM. E. COFFIN & CO., 8 Oliver Street, Boston.

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A first-class Hardware Business, located in the thriving city of Bloomington, Ills. Above business has been established for over twenty (20) years, and presents to any one desirous of doing an "A No. 1" retail and jobbing trade a most favorable opportunity. Amount of stock about \$15,000. Will be sold at a sacrifice. Ample reasons given for selling. For further information, address, GEO. BRADNER, Bloomington, Ills.

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C. KIRCHHOFF, Metal Reporter of "The Iron Age," Box 3091, New York P. O.



# Trade Report.

Office of THE IRON AGE  
WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 8, 1875.

The past week has been one of surprise in Wall street, as is usually the case just previous to the meeting of Congress and the publication of the Executive message, with its accompanying documents. There was nothing in the State papers this year to create any excitement, and now that the suspense is over, everything will go on pretty much as before. The report of the Secretary of the Treasury is summarized by the President as follows: "The report of the Secretary of the Treasury shows the receipts from customs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1874, to have been \$163,103,833-69; and for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1875, to have been \$157,167,722-35—a decrease for the last fiscal year of \$5,936,111-34. Receipts from internal revenue for the year ending 30th of June, 1874, were \$102,409,784-90, and for the year ending 30th of June, 1875, were \$110,007,493-58; increase, \$7,597,708-68."

The President commits himself squarely to an approval of all legislation looking to the resumption of specie payments, and what he says upon this subject will, we think, command the approval of a large proportion of business men and manufacturers. The sentiment of the country on this question is by no means unanimous, but we think that the weight of public opinion is on the side of a return to a specie basis by the shortest and safest route.

During the early part of the week the local money market was active, and call loans advanced to 6 @ 7 per cent., but it has since relapsed into comparative ease with 4 @ 5 per cent as the ruling rates on call. Prime business paper is fairly quotable at 6 @ 8 per cent.

The gold market has been quiet, with cash coin easy for borrowers. The decline in the premium is due to the fact that the President's message removes all apprehension of war with Spain on the subjects supposed to be matters of international dispute. The daily range of the premium is shown in the following table:

	Highest.	Lowest.
Thursday.....	114 1/2	114 1/4
Friday.....	114 1/2	114 1/4
Saturday.....	114 1/2	114 1/4
Sunday.....	114 1/2	114 1/4
Tuesday.....	114 1/2	114 1/4
Wednesday.....	114 1/2	114 1/4

Government bonds have declined in sympathy with gold, but are strong in the London market. Railroad mortgages are in very light demand, but prices are well maintained. We give below the closing quotations of governments.

In the stock market but little business has been transacted, and prices have fluctuated considerably. The principal activity has been in Pacific Mail, Erie, Lake Shore, Western Union, Northwestern, Union Pacific and St. Paul. We give below the prices bid and asked for active shares at the close of business to day.

The bank statement shows a smaller loss in the legal tender average and in the reserve than was expected. The total reserve is down \$2,463,700, and the surplus reserve \$1,177,425, the total of the latter being now \$3,171,875. The following is a comparison of the average for the past two weeks:

	Nov. 27.	Dec. 4.	Differences.
Loans.....	\$271,910,800	\$271,000,800	Dec. 903,700
Specie.....	16,392,500	15,157,500	Dec. 1,235,000
Legal tenders.....	47,038,900	45,680,300	Dec. 1,358,600
Deposits.....	215,808,400	210,683,800	Dec. 5,124,600
Circulation.....	18,512,100	18,750,600	Inc. 238,500

The following tables show the foreign trade movements for the week:

	1873.	1874.	1875.
Total for week.....	\$5,093,110	\$5,517,736	\$8,447,126
Prev. reported.....	359,366,002	359,628,792	296,997,106

Since Jan. 1.....\$364,459,113 \$565,146,528 \$305,444,232

Among the imports of general merchandise were articles valued as follows:

	Quant.	Value.
Brass goods.....	5	\$1,466
Bronzes.....	88	15,048
Chains and anchors.....	59	3,326
Copper.....	151	162
Cutlery.....	30,397	30,397
Gas fixtures.....	1	945
Guns.....	35	7,236
Hardware.....	9	1,966
Iron, pig, tons.....	17,824	17,824
Iron, sheet, tons.....	18	1,890
Iron, cotton ties.....	445	1,295
Iron, other, tons.....	161	10,581
Iron, ore, tons.....	380	5,900
Lead, pigs.....	10,590	10,590
Metal goods.....	117	16,148
Nails.....	8	2,389
Needles.....	14	7,624
Old metal.....	130	1,190
Platina.....	1	1,190
Per. caps.....	17	3,446
Saddlery.....	9	1,150
Steel.....	1,068	29,078
Silverware.....	5	479
Tin, boxes.....	15,310	96,446
Tin, empty slabs.....	855,949	149,325
Wire.....	692	9,237
Zinc.....	40,700	2,436

The figures of merchandise exports were not at hand at the time of going to press.

	Exports of Specie.
Total for the week.....	\$808,280
Previously reported.....	11,451,234

Total since January 1, 1875.....\$12,259,464  
Same time in 1874.....5,968,601  
Same time in 1873.....17,800,422  
Same time in 1872.....5,455,387

Government bonds at the close were quoted at the following quotations:

	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 6s 1881, reg.....	119 1/2	119 3/4
U. S. 6s 1881, cou.....	119 1/2	119 3/4
U. S. 5-20 1884, reg.....	114 1/2	115
U. S. 5-20 1884, cou.....	114 1/2	115
U. S. 5-20 1885, reg.....	114 1/2	115
U. S. 5-20 1885, cou.....	114 1/2	115
U. S. 5-20 1886, new.....	115 1/2	116
U. S. 5-20 1886, cou.....	115 1/2	116
U. S. 5-20 1887, reg.....	115 1/2	116
U. S. 5-20 1887, cou.....	115 1/2	116
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U. S. 5-20 1890, reg.....	115 1/2	116
U. S. 5-20 1890, cou.....	115 1/2	116
U. S. 5s 1881, reg.....	117 1/2	118
U. S. 5s 1881, cou.....	117 1/2	118

The following are the closing quotations in the stock market:

	Bid.	Asked.
Atlantic & Pacific Preferred.....	3 1/2	4
Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph.....	39 1/2	40
Chicago & Northwestern.....	39 1/2	40
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific.....	56 1/2	57 1/2
Chic. Bur. & Quincy.....	104 1/2	105 1/2

Col. Chic. & Ind. Cent.....	4 1/2	4 3/4
Clev., Col., Cin. & Ind.....	5 1/2	5 3/4
Cleveland & Pittsburgh.....	90	90 1/2
Pacific & Atlantic.....	97 1/2	98
Consolidation Coal.....	105	106
Canton.....	46	47
Del. Lack. & Western.....	139	140 1/2
Delaware & Hudson Canal.....	129 1/2	130
Adams Express.....	102 1/2	103
American Express.....	60 1/2	61
United States Express.....	57 1/2	58
Wells, Fargo & Co. Express.....	82 1/2	83 1/2
Erie.....	16 1/2	16 3/4
Harlem.....	132 1/2	133 1/2
Hannibal & St. Joseph.....	21 1/2	21 3/4
Illinois Central.....	95 1/2	96
Kansas & Texas.....	8 1/2	8 3/4
Lake Shore.....	61 1/2	62
Michigan Central.....	61 1/2	62
Morris & Essex.....	104	105
Milwaukee & St. Paul.....	36 1/2	36 3/4
Mariposa.....	66 1/2	67
New York Central.....	105 1/2	106
New Jersey Central.....	105 1/2	106
Ohio & Mississippi.....	17 1/2	17 3/4
Pacific Mail.....	123 1/2	124
Pennsylvania.....	123 1/2	124
Pittsburgh & Fort Wayne.....	99	99 1/2
Pacific of Missouri.....	13 1/2	13 3/4
Quicksilver.....	17 1/2	17 3/4
St. Louis and Iron Mountain.....	15 1/2	15 3/4
St. Louis, Kan. City North'n Pref.....	24	24 1/2
Tol., Wabash & Western.....	7 1/2	7 3/4
Union Pacific.....	7 1/2	7 3/4
Western Union Telegraph.....	76 1/2	77

## GENERAL HARDWARE.

The condition of the market continues much the same as at our last report. Some activity in holiday goods is reported, but generally speaking this trade falls short of the anticipation of dealers. Leading makers of Silver Plated Ware are fully employed, and importers of fine Cutlery are doing a fair business.

Hermann Boker & Co., proprietors of the Trenton Vise and Tool Works, are manufacturing a first-class article of Pruning Shears, for which they solicit orders for spring delivery. They make two styles—the Stationary and Swivel Blades, and they claim for these goods that they are the strongest, and in every way the best Pruning Shears on the market. Samples can be seen at their warehouse, Nos. 101 and 103 Duane street.

A few weeks ago we invited the attention of the Hardware trade to the new and elegantly finished Hand Saw which Henry Diston & Sons had just placed on the market, and which they styled "Centennial No. 7," and we are not surprised to learn that already so many orders have been received for it that the manufacturers are obliged to increase their facilities for its production to keep pace with the demand. To avoid any mistake or confusion in ordering, H. Diston & Sons have (very wisely, we think) changed the number of the "Centennial No. 7" to "Centennial No. 76," thereby preventing any possibility of mistake in ordering, which would be likely to arise on account of the number corresponding to their Saw of world-wide reputation, "Diston's No. 7." On page 29 a full description and illustration of the "Centennial No. 76" will be seen, to which we ask the attention of our readers.

The demand for Nails is not as active this week as at our last report. We quote 10d. at \$3 per keg, net. Orders for lots of 200 kegs and over could be placed at a shade better than the above mentioned price.

The Lock manufacturers held their annual meeting at New Haven on Tuesday. Some changes were made in list prices, but otherwise the prices for the past season were adopted for the coming six months, viz.: discount 40 and 5 per cent. The meeting was very large and harmonious, and a firm determination was expressed on all sides to strictly and honorably adhere to the terms adopted. Their next session will be held in February, 1876. The changes in list prices, which were all advances on existing figures, are as follows: On all 3 1/2, 4 and 4 1/2 in. Mortise Locks, Iron Front, add 50 cents per dozen; on all ditto, Brass Front, add \$1-50 per dozen; all plain Spindle Front Door Locks, with Night Work, add \$4 per dozen; all plain Spindle Vestibule Latches, add \$3 per dozen.

The following are the revised prices of Mortise Locks, manufactured by The Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Co.

No.	per doz.	No.	Per doz.	No.	Per doz.
0.....	7-50	110.....	47-00	315.....	18-50
1.....	7-50	115.....	48-00	316.....	21-50
2.....	10-00	120.....	33-00	317.....	21-50
3.....	10-00	125.....	33-00	318.....	21-50
4.....	10-00	130.....	33-00	319.....	21-50
5.....	7-00	135.....	33-00	320.....	16-00
6.....	8-50	140.....	50-00	321.....	16-00
7.....	9-00	145.....	35-00	322.....	6-00
8.....	11-00	150.....	32-00	341.....	10-00
9.....	11-00	155.....	32-00	342.....	13-00
10.....	12-00	160.....	52-00	343.....	14-00
11.....	12-00	164.....	37-00	350.....	7-00
12.....	14-00	175.....	56-00	351.....	11-00
13.....	14-00	185.....	41-00	355.....	13-00
14.....	15-00	190.....	33-00	356.....	13-00
15.....	15-00	200.....	6-51	355.....	18-00
16.....	14-00	2300.....	6-50	361.....	6-00
17.....	16-00	301.....	8-50	362.....	7-00
18.....	16-00	310.....	8-50	363.....	8-00
013, 2k.....	18-50	302.....	10-50	0363.....	19-00
19.....	22-00	0302.....	10-50	0369.....	12-00
20.....	19-00	303.....	13-50	0364.....	14-00
21.....	19-00	0303.....	13-50	710.....	14-00
22.....	20-00	310.....	13-50	711.....	14-00
23.....	22-00	0314.....	14-50	712.....	14-50
013, 3k.....	22-00	310.....	7-50	712, 3k.....	17-50
24.....	24-50	0310.....	7-50	713.....	16-50
25.....	25-00	0311.....	9-50	713, 3k.....	19-50
26.....	26-00	0311.....	9-50	713, 3k.....	22-50
27.....	26-00	0312.....	13-50	713.....	22-50
28.....	27-00	0313.....	13-50	720.....	15-00
29.....	27-00	314.....	15-50		



moreland, \$6.75; Newburgh Orrel, \$6.50; Sterling Ohio, \$10; Ince Hall, \$17 @ \$18; Liverpool House Cannon, \$17; Liverpool Gas, \$12; Newcastle Gas, \$7; Scotch, \$7.60.

The Coal transported over the Cumberland Branch Railroad during the week ending Dec. 4, 1875, amounted to 5890 tons, as against 7163 tons shipped in the corresponding period of last year, showing a decrease of 1273 tons. Over the Cumberland & Pennsylvania Railroad, for the same period, the shipments were 31,476 tons, against 29,333 tons shipped in 1874, an increase of 2143 tons. The aggregate amount of Cumberland Coal shipped by the various companies so far this year amounts to 2,193,058 tons.

#### OLD METALS, PAPER STOCK, &c.

Nothing of importance has occurred in the market for Old Metals, Paper Stock, and other Junk Materials during the period that has elapsed since the date of our last. There has been a slight call for some articles, but as a whole the market is extremely quiet. Grass Rope still continues in good demand, and is scarce in the market. We quote the following as the current purchasing rates:

**Old Metals.**—Copper, 15c. @ 17c. per lb.; Yellow Metal, 11c.; Brass, 10c. @ 12c.; Composition, heavy, 13c. @ 14c.; Lead, solid, 5½c.; Tea Lead, 5c.; Zinc, 4½c. @ 4½c.; Pewter, No. 1, 18c.; do. No. 2, 15c. @ 12c.; Spelter, 5½c.; Wrought Iron, 1c.; Sheet do., ½c.; Cast, do., ½c.; Machinery, do., ½c.

**Rags.**—Canvas, 15c. @ 17c. per lb.; Cotton, No. 1, 5½c. @ 6½c.; No. 2, 2½c.; White, No. 1, 6½c.; No. 2, 4c.; Colored, do., 3c. @ 2½c.; Mixed, Woolen, 3c. @ 3½c.; Soft, do., 1½c. @ 2c.; Gunny Bagging, 1½c.; Jute Butts, 1½c. @ 2c.; Kentucky Bagging, 3c.; Book Stock, 3c.; Waste Paper and Scraps, 1½c.; Kentucky Bale Rope, 4c.; Oakum Junk, No. 1, 4½c. @ 5c.; do. No. 2, 3c.; Tarred Shaking, 1c. @ 1½c.; Grass Rope, 2½c. @ 3c.

#### IMPORTATIONS.

Of Hardware, Iron, Steel and Metals into the Port of New York, for the week ending Dec. 7, 1875:

Hardware.		Schmieds & Bender.	
Barstow E. W. & Sons,	Chains, cks., 2	Spiegel, tons, 270	Order.
Leonghis, 3		Beams, 193	Sheet, bxs., 67
Crabb Wm.	Steel wire, bds., 32		
Degraw, Aymer & Co.	Chains, cks., 4		
Fuller Bros.	Chains, lengths, 1		
Field A. & Co.	Chains, cks., 13		
Anvil, 207	Chains, cks., 51		
Cases, 18			
France E. A. & Co.	Files, cks., 3		
Files, cks., 4			
Hendricks Isaac,	Wire, cks., 13		
Keller L. H.	Casks, 1		
Lennox E. S. & Co.	Ties, lots, 406		
Leachland & Co.	Netting, 2, 1		
Wires, pkgs., 4			
Mason John W. & Co.	Wire rope, coils, 5		
Moore Henry,	Files, cks., 4		
Squires H. C.	Guns, cks., 1		
Order.	Files, cks., 4		
Iron.		Bruce & Cook,	
Henderson Bros.	Pig, tons, 100	Midc. pkgs., 200	
Laughland & Co.	Haybands, bds., 400	Cort N. L. & Co.	
Lang W. Bailey & Co.	Midc. pkgs., 6	Midc. pkgs., bxs., 500	
		Barrels, 1	
		Pieces, 3	
		Lamarque H.	
		Phelps, Dodge & Co.	
		Tin plates, bxs., 3893	
		Black plates, bxs., 15	
		Midc. pkgs., 1950	
		Probst F. & Co.	
		Lead, pcs., 1509	
		Order.	
		Tin, slabs, 190	
		Tin andterne plates,	
		bxs., 1793	
		Tin, ingots, 874	
		Tin, ca, 2	
		Tin plates, bxs., 670	

#### PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7, 1875.

The market is quiet, without any especial change in prices or in the volume of business. We hear reports of very large sales of Pig Iron at very low prices, but, when traced up, these are generally found to be rumors only. It would not seem possible for prices to go any lower, but some buyers appear to expect this to be the case, and to be still holding off for iron absolutely needed by them for winter use. The Pig Metal stocks are not large, and will not be increased this winter. The movement, if movement it can be called, is principally in Rails, of which there have been some considerable lots placed both East and West. Among these are several thousand tons for Arkansas roads, notably the Fort Smith and Little Rock Railroad. Prices for Iron Rails seem to be sensibly better West than here, and most branches of the Iron trade similarly more encouraging. Old Rails are getting scarcer. We hear of some transactions in New York as low as \$23, but sales here at \$25 to \$26 cannot be duplicated, and holders are very firm now at \$27 to \$28. In Wrought Scrap there is no improvement, but there have been considerable lots of Cast sold at better prices than hitherto, and considerable inquiry. Prices are hard to quote reliably, but about as follows:

Pig Iron.—No. 1 Foundry, \$23 to \$24; No. 2, \$21.50 to \$22; Gray Forge, \$21 to \$21.50. Bars.—2½c. per lb. Rails.—\$42 to \$46. Old Rails.—\$26 to \$27 to \$28. Scrap.—No. 1 Wrought, \$29 to \$30; Cast, \$18.50 to \$20.

We note sales of between 6000 and 7000 tons, all grades, of Pig Iron for the week at about our quotations; 4000 tons Rails for Southwestern delivery; 7000 tons among Western roads, and 3000 tons for nearby and Eastern roads, all at or a shade below our figures; 800 tons Old Rails at \$22 in New York, and 500 tons here at \$26, with \$27 to \$28 now asked; 200 tons Wrought Scrap at \$29; 1000 tons Cast Scrap at \$30, and 500 tons do. at \$18.50, as to quality and selections.

#### PITTSBURGH.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 7, 1875.

Pig Iron.—Trade continues exceedingly dull, and there is no prospect during the remainder of this year. Some well informed operators do not look for much of an improvement until the spring trade fairly opens up. Business is more depressed now, so far, at least, as Pittsburgh is concerned, than it has been at any time since

the panic. Prices continue weak, and while there has been no quotable change within the past week, all grades have dropped from \$1 to \$1.50 per ton during the past month, and the tendency is still downward. The feeling very generally prevailed among operators here, during the summer and fall, in view of the very light production and steady reduction in stock, that hard-pan had been reached, but the subsequent course of the market has demonstrated that they were mistaken, and being so badly deceived in regard to the past, they have now but little confidence in the future. Bituminous Coal melted and Coke Irons are quotable as follows: No. 1 Foundry, \$24 to \$25, 4 months; No. 2, do. \$23 to \$24; Gray Forge, \$22 to \$23; White and Mottled, \$20 to \$21. Charcoal Mill, \$23 to \$24; No. 1 Foundry, \$27 to \$29; Cold Blast Car Wheels, \$30 to \$35 for Eastern, and \$40 to \$50 for Western. Considerable Charcoal Iron has arrived by river within the past week, but the receipts of Bituminous from the Shenango and Mahoning Valleys continues very meagre.

**MANUFACTURED IRON.**—The general situation has undergone but little change recently, and it is certain there has been no improvement; manufacturers generally report that it is getting worse. It is true the cost of production has been considerably reduced, but with the exception that it enables our manufacturers to cope with competing points, it has no very great advantage, as prices have been reduced correspondingly. Merchant iron is lower now than it has been at any time since the war, and it is said, by those who are in a position to know, that none of the mills working exclusively on merchant iron can get their own money out of it; those mills fortunate enough to have specialties are possibly making a little money, but with the others it is different.

**RAILS.**—Orders are coming forward very sparingly, and it is not likely that there will be any decided improvement until the spring trade opens up, which takes place about the 1st of February; December and January are usually dull months in the Rail trade. Prices weak and drooping; \$2.75 to \$2.80, 60 days, with two per cent. off for cash.

**STEEL.**—The market for Steel is less active, although it is about all that can be expected at this time. However, for some grades, including that used in the manufacture of agricultural implements, some of our manufacturers are pretty well supplied with orders. Our manufacturers generally have had about all they could do all this year, and while, in consequence of an active competition, the margin for profit has been comparatively light, there is reason to believe that they have made some money. Scrap Iron continues exceedingly dull, and there is not much prospect of any change for the better soon, unless there should be a lock-out, which is hardly probable. No. 1 Wrought Scrap quoted nominally at 1.30, 4 months. The last sale of Old Car Wheels reported was \$21 to \$22, 4 months, losing the seller from \$4 to \$5 per ton.

**THE HITCH BETWEEN THE PUDDLERS AND MANUFACTURERS.**—The complications which have arisen between the puddlers and manufacturers have not yet been adjudicated, although it is probable the matter will be disposed of within the next few days. The manufacturers propose to pay \$4.50—50 cents per ton less than they are now paying, and \$1 less than in October. The puddlers have signified their willingness to work away at \$5, but this, the manufacturers say, they cannot and will not pay, and unless the puddlers conclude to accept the \$4.50 a lock-out is probable, but the probability is that the puddlers will yield. The mills, as a rule, are in a much better condition than they were at this time last year, as they have but few orders, and, beside, a reduction in the production for a time, it is believed, would have a good effect.

The Pittsburgh Commercial, of Dec. 4th, says: The market for pig metal continues very dull, with no quotable change in prices since our last report. We are reporting the following sales:

BITUMINOUS COAL SMELTED FROM LAKE SUPERIOR ORE.	
300 tons neutral forge	\$22.50—4 mos.
100 tons white	30.00—4 mos.
100 tons gray forge	22.50—4 mos.
100 tons white	21.00—4 mos.
80 tons extra red short	21.00—4 mos.
50 tons gray forge	22.50—4 mos.

CONNEVILLE COKE.	
50 tons gray forge	\$22.50—4 mos.
10 tons No. 2 foundry	23.00—cash.
10 tons No. 3 foundry	24.00—4 mos.
10 tons No. 1 foundry	25.00—4 mos.
10 tons No. 2 foundry	24.00—4 mos.

CHATHANOOGA.	
180 tons, Nos. 1 and 2 H. R.	private terms

#### CHATTANOOGA.

CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 2, 1875.

To the Editor of The Iron Age.—Times are getting no better with us very fast through this section. The tide of current events appear to neither ebb nor flow, but quiet appears to be the password along the entire line. There may be a few local currents, or counter currents, a little loss or a little gain of certain things, but as a general thing those that are running are running the even tenor of their ways, economizing as much as possible, and selling their product as near cash as they can. In the movements of Metals there were shipped from this place (local and through) in the month of October 3240 tons to points North, West and South. In the item of Iron Ores there were shipped to the Ohio River 510 tons during the same period. During the month that has just passed, i. e. November, there were shipped from here, of both local and through shipments, of Pig Iron 2950 tons, and of Iron Ore 1160 tons; the Ore principally to the Ohio River, while the Metal has found a market all along the Ohio River, also Chicago, St. Louis, and some of the interior Western towns, also Memphis and some of the Southern cities. The railroads, as a general thing, are extending the most liberal facilities to the shippers of Metal, Coal, and Iron Ores. A basis of one cent per ton per mile is the general rate, while in some instances a concession even from this is made, especially upon shipments of ore. Some transfers of mineral lands are being made—a fine coal and iron property a few miles above here, on the Tennessee River, also on the line of the Cincinnati Southern Railroad, has been recently purchased by an English company for \$125,000, and most of the money paid down. From appearances the English capitalists are investing slowly, but surely, through this section. There is now being erected by General Wilder a forge in East Tennessee to manufacture Bar Iron from certain special ores found up there, which is contracted for in England at a price equivalent to \$180 of our money per ton, delivered there. The entire plant, which is nearly completed, will cost about \$30,000. The general anticipations large profits from this enterprise, which has every appearance of being realized, for the cost of the manufacture is no more than in any other locality, the large price being attributed entirely to the superior quality of the ores. Sales of metal are now being made in this district at about \$14 for low grades of forge, up to \$20 and \$22 for best grades of American Scotch. With the exception of certain specialties for which our

metals are required, such as car wheels, &c., the Coke Iron that is now being made in this district is sought for by the manufacturers as much as that made from Charcoal Fuel. As an evidence that our section is attracting the attention of consumers from which to draw their supply, one of the largest consumers of metal wrote here last week, seeking information upon what basis he could contract, for the coming year, for his entire supply.

#### BOSTON.

Dec. 4.—Pig has had a dull week again. The reports of failures and extensions of two or three prominent Western foundries have made holders much more conservative in their offerings, and the market, wanting hammering for sales, settles into its now apparently normal condition, which is dullness. The reports that come to us from New York on sales and quotations are somewhat conflicting, but there is no reason to doubt but that the best brands of No. 1 are obtainable at \$24, No. 2 at \$22, and Gray Forge at \$18 to \$19, and even on these some leading buyers are confident of shading. The market values here are nominally for No. 1, \$24 to \$26; No. 2, \$22 to \$24; Gray Forge, \$19 to \$21. Bar is without improvement. The demand is small, chiefly from blacksmiths, this week, while the prices hang at \$55 to \$57 for Refined and \$51 to \$53 for Common. Steel is moving in a small and steady way. The series of tests which the Nicholson File Company are making, to determine the true worth of the various brands of Steel and of Files, has not yet been begun to attract great attention. We quote American Tool, 14c. to 15c.; American Machinery, 9c. to 9½c.; Bessemer Tires, 6½c. to 7½c.; Sweet's Excelsior Tire, 8½c. to 12c.; English Tool, 16c. to 18c., gold.

#### ST. LOUIS.

Messrs. SPOONER & COLLINS, Iron commission agents, 409 North Third street, St. Louis, under date of Dec. 2, report the Iron market as follows: Our market still presents the gloomy appearance that we reported last week, though we have evidence to believe that the trade for 1876 will be much better, both in demand and price, and we look for better times upon the opening of business next year.

Mo. Stone Coal, No. 1 Fdry.	\$26.37 @ 27.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	24.00 @ 25.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	23.50 @ 24.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	23.00 @ 24.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	22.50 @ 23.00—4 mos.
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" " " " " "	17.50 @ 18.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	17.00 @ 18.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	16.50 @ 17.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	16.00 @ 17.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	15.50 @ 16.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	15.00 @ 16.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	14.50 @ 15.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	14.00 @ 15.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	13.50 @ 14.00—4 mos.
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" " " " " "	7.50 @ 8.00—4 mos.
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" " " " " "	4.50 @ 5.00—4 mos.
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" " " " " "	3.50 @ 4.00—4 mos.
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" " " " " "	2.50 @ 3.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	2.00 @ 3.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	1.50 @ 2.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	1.00 @ 2.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	0.50 @ 1.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	0.00 @ 1.00—4 mos.

#### CINCINNATI.

Messrs. L. R. HULL & Co., under date of Dec. 6, write us as follows: Pig Iron.—The market remains quiet, and no marked activity is anticipated before the close of the year. The demand for all grades is very fair, except Cold Blast Irons, which are quiet. Quotations remain without material change.

Hanging Rock No. 1, 1 ton.	\$25.00 @ 26.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	24.00 @ 25.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	23.00 @ 24.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	22.00 @ 23.00—4 mos.
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" " " " " "	7.00 @ 8.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	6.00 @ 7.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	5.00 @ 6.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	4.00 @ 5.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	3.00 @ 4.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	2.00 @ 3.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	1.00 @ 2.00—4 mos.
" " " " " "	0.00 @ 1.00—4 mos.

#### RICHMOND.

Mr. ASA SNYDER, Iron Merchant and Furnace Agent, Richmond, Va., writes as follows under date of Dec. 4: The season's business in Charcoal Irons has about closed. Receipts very light, and stock in hand very small.

Virginia cold blast Charcoal Pig Irons.	\$27.00 @ 28.00
" " " " " "	26.00 @ 27.00
" " " " " "	25.00 @ 26.00
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" " " " " "	8.00 @ 9.00
" " " " " "	7.00 @ 8.00
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" " " " " "	5.00 @ 6.00
" " " " " "	4.00 @ 5.00
" " " " " "	3.00 @ 4.00
" " " " " "	2.00 @ 3.00
" " " " " "	1.00 @ 2.00
" " " " " "	0.00 @ 1.00

#### BALTIMORE.

Messrs. R. C. HOFFMAN & Co., Iron and commission merchants, Nos. 23 and 25 South Frederick street, report the Pig Iron market as follows, under date of Dec. 6: The Iron market continues dull and depressed, with light sales. We quote:

Baltimore Charcoal.	\$29.00 @ 30.00
" " " " " "	28.00 @ 29.00
" " " " " "	27.00 @ 28.00
" " " " " "	26.00 @ 27.00
" " " " " "	25.00 @ 26.00
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Messrs. WYTHE & BROTHER, Iron and Steel merchants, South Charles and Lombard streets, report us the following prices under date of Dec. 7: We have no change to note in our market for the past week. Business continues about same as last reported, and with no prospect of any improvement for the present.

AMERICAN REFINED RAIL IRON.	
to 6 wide by $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 thick.	2 5-10 to 2 5-10c. ½ B.
to 4½ wide by 1½ to 2 thick	2 5-10 to 2 5-10c. ½ B.
Round and square, ordinary sizes, from	2 5-10 to 2 5-10c. ½ B.
to 3½ inclusive	2 5-10 to 2 5-10c. ½ B.
Hoop Iron, 1½ wide and upward.	3½ to 4c.
Band Iron, from 1½ to 4 in. wide.	3 to 3½c.
Horse Shoe Iron $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 wide by $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1	3½ to 4c.
thick.	3½ to 4c.
Norway Nail Rods.	7 to 7½c.
Black Diamond Cast Steel, Plats, Squares	11 to 11½c.
and Octagon, ordinary sizes	11 to 11½c.
Machinery Steel.	11 to 11½c.
Cast Spring Steel.	10 to 10½c.
Homogeneous Steel Plate.	10 to 10½c.
Perkins' Horse Shoes, per keg of 100 lbs.	\$5.12½



\* Gemult sub pondere cymba suctilis, et multam  
accipit rimosa paludem. — *Enchir.* vi. 414.



the same time a difference in the management of the vessels enumerated. Ships of war, although not entirely destitute of sails, were chiefly managed with oars, that they might be more able to tack and manoeuvre in light or contrary winds, and to lay themselves alongside the enemy to advantage; while the other two kinds were mainly governed by sails, and vessels of transport were towed, when it was practicable, with ropes. All three modes of government (by sail, oar and tow-ropes) were, however, occasionally adopted by each of the classes. The rowers were not placed, as some have imagined, upon the same level in different parts of the ship, nor perpendicularly above each other's heads; but their seats being firmly fixed, one at the back of another, ascending gradually in the manner of stairs. The most usual number of these banks was three, four and five, composing what are called trireme, quadrireme and quinquireme galleys; the second of these having a range of oars more than the first, and the third a range more than the second—the height of the vessel always increasing in proportion to the number of ranges.

In primitive times the long ships had only one bank of oars, which might be 50 ored or 100 ored. The ship *Argo*, built by order of Jason, was rowed with 50 oars, and, according to some writers, was the first of the long ships; all vessels, up to that time, having been of a form much more inclining to oval. Others refer the invention of long ships to a much earlier date, averring that Danaus sailed from Egypt to Greece in a ship of 50 oars. Even if Jason be allowed to have been the first who introduced the long ships into Greece, neither he nor his builder, Argus, can be considered as the original inventor of them, but rather as an imitator of the Egyptian or African model—the latter having been constructed some time before by Atlas, and much adopted in that part of the Mediterranean.

The first who used a double bank of oars were the Erythraeans, and Amnicles, of Corinth, added a third—as Herodotus, Thucydides and Diodorus have reported—although Clemeas Alexandrinus attributes this invention to the Sidonians. A fourth bank was added by a Carthaginian called Aristotele and Neelcthon, of Salamis (according to Pliny), or Dionysius, the Sicilian (according to Diodorus), increased the number to five. Xenagoras, of Syracuse, added a sixth, and Nesigton increased the number to ten. Alexander the Great and Ptolemy Sotor had vessels of twelve and fifteen banks of oars, and Philip, the father of Perseus, is said to have had one of sixteen banks. As the method of erecting one tier above another became generally known, it was easy to make further additions. Demetrius, the son of Antigonus, built a ship of thirty banks, and Ptolemy Philopator, that he might excel his predecessors, enlarged the number still further to forty, which, as all other parts were necessarily in proportion, raised the vessel to such an enormous size that it appeared at a distance like a floating mountain or island, and on a nearer view took the form of a huge castle in the midst of the waves. This enormous structure contained 4000 rowers, 400 sailors employed in other services, and a body of nearly 3000 soldiers! But this, and such like fabrics, served only for show and ostentation, being, by their great bulk, unwieldy and unfit for ordinary use. Atheneus has informed us that these vessels were commonly known by the name of Cycloides and *Etina*, an island and mountain to which they appeared almost equal in size; such ships consisting, as some report, of materials sufficient for the construction of at least fifty triremes.

Beside those already mentioned, there were other vessels fitted with half-banks of oars, which seem to have been between a unieme and a bireme, and consisting of a bank and a half; also, some between a bireme and a trireme, having two and a half banks of oars. These, although perhaps built in other respects after the model of the long ships of war, are seldom comprehended under that description, and are sometimes mentioned in opposition to it.

Several other kinds of ships varying from those here described, are enumerated by different authors, each kind being fitted for some particular use, or special sea service, or employed upon urgent occasions in naval fights, but more commonly as tenders and victualling ships for supplying the principal fleet. Some were built for expedition, to carry expresses, or to observe the enemy's motions without incurring the danger of being overtaken by the heavier and armed vessels, and were distinguished from the regular ships of war by their construction and equipment, resembling the last named vessels in part, and in part ships of burden—while in some respects they differed from both, as the exigencies for which they were fitted might seem to require.

Every ship in later times had several masts, but we are informed by Aristotle that at first there was only one, which was fixed in the middle of the ship. On landing, the mast was taken down, as appears everywhere in Homer, and placed on something, which, according to Suidas, was a case wherein the mast was deposited; but Eustathius will have it to be nothing more than a piece of wood, against which the mast was reared. About the upper part of the mast, when in place on the vessel, there was constructed a kind of turret for soldiers to stand upon and cast darts.

Sails are by some thought to have been invented by Dædalus, and to have given rise to the fable of his using wings; others refer this invention to Icarus, making Dædalus the contriver of masts and yards. There was originally only one sail on a ship, but afterward a greater number was found convenient; and they were usually of linen, but sometimes of any other pliable material, suitable for receiving and repelling the wind. We occasionally find mention of leathern sails, and it was usual with the

ancients, when no other appliances were at hand, to hang up their flowing garments for this purpose—whence arose the fable of Hercules having sailed with the back of a lion, because he used no other sail than his garment, which was a lion's skin.

Occasionally the ropes and rigging were composed principally of leathern tongs; afterward cordage of hemp and flax came into use, as well as that of broom, palm leaves, philyry and the bark of trees, such as cherry, maple, the vine, etc. The oars were usually covered with brass in the blade, or broad part, to make them stronger. The oars of the lowest bank were shorter than the rest, and those of the uppermost ranges were necessarily the longest, their rowlocks being at the greatest distance from the water; and for this reason it was customary to load their handles with lead, to counterbalance the weight of the lower portion. The rowlocks and the seats of the rowers were generally covered with hides.

The most ancient anchors are said to have been of stone, and occasionally of wood, to which a quantity of lead was attached. In some cases, baskets full of stones and sacks filled with sand, were employed for this purpose. In later times they were composed of iron, and furnished with teeth (arms), whence *odontes* and *dentes* are frequently used for the anchors themselves in the Greek and Latin poets. Originally there was only one tooth, but a second was added by Eupalamus, or by Anacharsis, the Scythian philosopher. The Scholiast on Apollonius confidently asserts that this species of anchor was used by the Argonauts; but herein he (the Scholiast) appears to deserve no great credit, for his assertion is contrary to the testimony of other writers; and his own author, Apollonius, makes mention of none but those of stone. The anchors with two teeth appear, from ancient monuments, to have been much the same as those which are used at the present day, except that the transverse piece, or anchor-stock, is wanting in all of those representations. Every ship had several anchors, one of which surpassed all the others in size and strength, and was never used but in cases of extreme danger, for which reason it was metaphorically applied to those forced to their last refuge. The instrument which answered to the lead of modern days was also composed of lead or brass, and lowered by a chain instead of a line.

Cables were sometimes called *camilli* or *cameli*, whence, in the passage in St. Matthew, where the Saviour remarks that "it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of Heaven," Theophylactus and some others have interpreted the word *camelus*, not as meaning the animal, but the cable so called.

With regard to the equipment of the vessels of the ancients, we are told by Thucydides that there was originally no distinction of rank among the crews, but that the same persons were employed indiscriminately in the duties. But as the arts of navigation and naval warfare improved, it was found that one occupation was enough to engross the whole time and application of the person employed therein; and it then became customary to furnish ships of war with three distinct orders of men, viz., rowers, mariners and soldiers. The rowers were divided into three classes—those of the upper, the middle and the lower ranges. Each person had a separate oar, for, except in case of necessity, one oar was never managed by more than one person. The labor and pay of the several classes of rowers were not equal; those who were stationed in the uppermost banks, by reason of their distance from the water, and the consequent length of their oars, underwent more toil than those in the inferior banks, and their pay was, on that account, greater. The crew took their rest upon the deck, or upon the seats where they rowed, and the officers only, or persons of more than ordinary rank on board, were permitted to have clothes spread under them. Thus Homer says:

"But clothes the men for great Ulysses spread,  
And placed an easy pillow for his head;  
On these he undisturbed, securely slept,  
Lying upon the stern."

The class termed mariners were exempt from drudging at the oar, but performed all the other nautical duties of the ship; and, in order that everything might be carried on without tumult or confusion, each had his peculiar office, as appears from the Argonautics of Apollonius and Flaccus. We there find one employed in rearing the mast, another in fitting the yards, a third in hoisting the sails, and the rest employed fore and aft in the ship, each in his proper place. Hence they had different titles to distinguish them, taken from the parts of the ship where they were stationed, and the offices which they were in the habit of performing. There was a class of men inferior to the rest of the crew, which were not confined to any particular station or duty, but were ready on all occasions to attend the other seamen, and supply them with whatever they wanted. The whole ship's crew were usually wicked and profligate fellows, without any sense of religion or humanity, and therefore reckoned by Juvenal among the vilest of rogues.\*

The soldiers employed on shipboard, having to fight in hand-to-hand encounters, were more heavily armed in general than those in the army. There were also some warlike implements used at sea, which were never employed on land, the principal of which were spears of an unusual length, sometimes exceeding twenty cubits; instruments of iron, crooked like a sickle, and fixed on the top of a long pole, wherewith they cut in sunder the cords of the sail-yards, which, letting the sails fall down, disabled the light ships. Not unlike this was another instrument, armed at the end with a broad iron head, edged on both sides, for cutting the rudder-cords of

\* *Invenies aliquo cum percussore Jacentem,  
Permixtum navis aut furibus aut fugivus.*  
—*Juv. Sat. viii.*

ships. There were also engines to cast stones into the enemy's vessels, and another engine is mentioned by Vegetius, which hung upon the mainmast, and resembled a battering-ram. Beside these, there were grappling irons, which were cast out of an engine into the vessels of the enemy. These are said to have been first used in Greece by Pericles, the Athenian, and at Rome by Duilius.

With regard to the naval officers employed by the ancients, we find that in all fleets there were two superior to the rest; one took command of the vessels and seamen—the other, of the soldiers; but the latter had also some power over the ship masters and their crews. The commission of admiral varied according to the exigencies of the times and circumstances, being sometimes held by one alone, sometimes in conjunction with others. Of the latter arrangement, Alcibiades, Nicias and Lamachus are examples, who were sent, with equal power, to command the Athenian fleet in Sicily. The period of command was also limited by the Grecian people, and shortened or prolonged as they pleased. We read of Epaminondas, that, finding his country would be exposed to great danger upon the resignation of his office, he held it four months longer than he was commissioned to do, during which time he put a new face upon the affairs of the Thebans, and by his skillful management dispelled the fears under which they labored. This done, he voluntarily laid down his power, but had no sooner relinquished it than he was called to account for having held it so long, and narrowly escaped being punished with death, because his action was deemed a precedent dangerous to the commonwealth.

Next in rank to these were what may be termed vice-admirals, who acted under the admirals. The captains of vessels took their names from the rate of the ships they commanded, and each had charge of the helm as well as of the ship, and sat at the stern to steer. They were obliged, at the same time, to be accomplished pilots, and familiar with all the harbors, rocks, quicksands, etc., which were likely to be encountered on the voyage.

The labor of the rowers, which must have been excessive, was cheered by a musician, appointed for the purpose, who contributed, by his voice and instrument, to make the rowers keep time and pull together. The heavenly bodies were observed by sailors on a twofold account—for prognosticating the weather, and as guides to their course. Among the chief stars observed in foretelling the weather were Arcturus, Aris, Orion, Hyades, Hædi, Castor and Pollux, and Helena. It was likewise customary to notice various omens offered by sea fowl, fish and divers other things, such as the murmuring of the floods, the shaking and buzzing noise of trees in the neighboring woods, the dashing of the billows against the shore, and many more—in all which good pilots were well skilled. As to the direction in their voyage, the first historic practitioners in the art of navigation being unacquainted with the other celestial motions, steered during the day by the course of the sun, either making a safe harbor at night, or fastening the vessel to the shore; and then they would leave the boat and sleep on land. Afterward the Phœnicians, whom some assert to have been the first navigators, discovered the motion of other stars. We find the Phœnicians sailed by observing Cynosura, or the Lesser Bear—first observed, in the opinion of some, by Thales, the Milesian—while the mariners of Greece, as well as those of other nations, steered by the Greater Bear, called Helice. For the first observation of this they were indebted to Nauplius, if we may believe Theon; or, according to the report of Flaccus (Argonaut I), to Tiphys, the pilot of the celebrated *Argo*. But, of these two constellations, we are informed by Theon, the former was the securer guide, and therefore was followed by the Phœnicians, whose skill in marine affairs excelled all the rest of the world, even the Grecians.

## BUSINESS ITEMS.

### MAINE.

The mills on the Machias River, have closed for the year.

The wages of the employees of the Pembroke Iron Company have been reduced from 10 to 20 per cent., with prospects of a steady run this winter.

### VERMONT.

An active business is reported at the works of the Emerson Edge Tool Company, Taftsville. Quite a business is done in the manufacture of what are called Virginia knives and ledgers, amounting to some thousands in number in the course of the year, all for a firm in Richmond, Va., who manufacture the machines in which they are used.

The Rutland Manufacturing Company are shipping chairs to Cape Town, Africa, and to San Francisco.

### MASSACHUSETTS.

In speaking of the iron company at Richmond, the *Commercial Bulletin* says: They have discharged their wood choppers, and will close their works as soon as the charcoal and wood on hand are used. The furnace at Cheshire will blow out about January 1st, but that at Richmond will run till spring. The company have some 8000 tons of manufactured stock in store. Their product is about 640 tons a month. They give employment to about a third of the inhabitants of Richmond.

The Worcester Boiler Works have the contract for building six large boilers for the State lunatic asylum, three of which they have already completed, and the remaining three are nearly finished.

At Brockton, several of the leading business men have for some time been considering the feasibility of forming a company for the manufacture of machinery, with a capital of from \$300,000 to \$400,000.

King & Hutchinson, who recently opened a manufactory in the brick building adjoining the cotton factory, at Athol, have already secured a large number of orders for their new sash balance and sash and door lock. They have facilities for turning out twenty gross per day.

H. S. Mansfield's Scythe Works, Millville, have commenced work again.

The Fay Emery Company, Chester, have stopped work until the trade is better.

Morse Brothers, stove polish manufacturers, of Canton, have shut down for a few weeks. They have given notice that married men while idle will receive \$3 per week; single men, \$2 per week, and girls, \$2 per week.

### CONNECTICUT.

Sherman R. Warner, 186 State street, New Haven, makes a specialty of superior steam pipe for heating factories and buildings. This house has now been running for 30 years, though under the present style for only three years. A large business is done, not only in New Haven and surrounding towns, but large orders are continually being received from New York State. The 4th heating pipe put up in this factory is said to possess many advantages over the 1 inch iron pipe, as the steam flows through the tin pipe more readily than through the iron pipes, thus making a large saving of steam.

The New Haven Steam Heating Company, manufacturers of steam heating apparatus, have been established as a company for 10 years, but the goods have been made for 21 years in New Haven. The company employ 25 hands, and have a capacity for turning out 300 radiators per month. The main factory building is 53x107 feet and three stories high, with a basement and L, the latter being 60x20 feet. Steam-power is furnished by an engine of 20-horse and a boiler of 40-horse. The iron used is all rolled in Philadelphia. Of the radiators made by this concern over 50,000 are now in use, 300 being in New Haven. S. E. Merwin, Jr., is president of the company, and C. L. Hubbard secretary and general superintendent.

Lowe & Watson, Bridgeport, have recently completed a boiler of 50 horse-power, which is made entirely of homogeneous steel plates, and is calculated to be worked under a pressure of 150 pounds. They will duplicate this boiler for exhibition at the Centennial.

The manufacture of cartridges for the Gatling gun is soon to be commenced at the Cartridge Company's works in Bridgeport.

The control of all the patents pertaining to the manufacture of differential pulleys has been obtained by the Yale Lock Manufacturing Company, Stamford. Their factory has begun to run on 9 hours' time.

Another large addition to the manufactory of the Glove Company, Naugatuck, is being built.

### NEW YORK.

On the 15th ult., the Seneca Falls Pump and Fire Engine Works, of Rumsey & Co., of Seneca Falls, received 400 tons of pig iron to be used in their business. Its value was \$10,000. It will be used for the manufacture of pumps, garden engines and similar hydraulic machines.

A new mowing machine company has been organized at Glen's Falls. Fifty thousand dollars have been subscribed, and plans for beginning the works will be speedily perfected. The originators promise to employ several hundred men all the year round.

Owing to a defect in the lining one of the stacks of the Crown Point Iron Company is to be put out of blast. This furnace has been making Bessemer iron.

There are good prospects of work for the iron manufactories at Troy all winter. It is rumored that the managers of both the companies have received orders from the builders of the great bridge at New York.

Corning & Co., Troy, will place a new horse shoe machine in their water mill shortly.

### PENNSYLVANIA.

One of the Danville mills has received a heavy order for rails.

The old rolling mill at Bethlehem has suspended operations for want of orders.

The Harrisburg Car Company has received an order for one hundred and fifty cars, and will resume operations at once with a moderate force of hands.

The last two furnaces at the Allentown Rolling Mill are now in blast, and the whole of these extensive works are once more in successful operation.

The Bethlehem Iron Company has begun on an order of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company for steel rails weighing fifty-eight pounds to the yard. The order will keep the mill busy for some time hence.

A discouraging outlook for laborers in Harrisburg this winter. The Chesapeake nail works have been obliged to reduce wages from \$4.50 to \$4 per ton. There is nothing doing at the Paxton furnaces, and no prospects for opening the blast this winter. The Lochiel Iron Works have closed.

It is stated that there are about one hundred and forty mines in Schuylkill county, of which the Reading Coal and Iron Company own eighty, and individuals sixty. All, or nearly all, of these mines are reached by railroad, making the coal region a network of iron rails, and giving the Reading Railroad Company more miles of railroad in these "laterals" than it has in its main road.

The Warwick Iron Company's new furnace, Pottstown, is rapidly approaching completion.

The outside work is almost finished, and the engine and machinery are being placed in position. The engine is of five hundred horse-power, the blowing cylinder being eighty-four by ninety-six feet. Forty employees are now engaged at the furnace. It will be ready to blow in on February 1, 1876.

Two locomotives of immense power have recently been erected in the Altoona shops for

the specific purpose of assisting freight trains up the eastern slope, from Altoona to Gallitzin. These engines are known among railroad men as "Modocs," and owing to their peculiar construction, as well as immense weight, they can perform the work of almost two ordinary locomotives, as far as power is concerned.

The Charlotte Furnace, of Scottsdale, Westmoreland county, has been blown out after a successful run of 25 months. The reasons for so doing were, first, to stop production at the present season of depression, and second to enable the owners to repair the lining. The furnace might have been run for some months longer, but the present time seemed to be the most opportune for making the repairs.

The Pennsylvania Steel Works, Harrisburg, have begun the construction of a second blast furnace, two feet more in diameter than their first, which they expect to have in operation by January 1. With the late improvements made in the Bessemer Rail Mill, and other appendages, they now have a capacity to turn 45,000 tons of steel rails annually.

Painter & Son, proprietors of the foundry at Myerstown, are at present engaged in furnishing the hot blasts for the Mount Hope Furnace. They are also at work on the shafting and pulleys for the new planing mill at Myerstown.

On or about April 1, 1876, the Knauertown, charcoal forge, located in Chester county, will be removed to Douglassville, on the line of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad.

It is contemplated by the Rock Hill Iron and Coal Company, whose furnaces are located at Orbisonia, Huntingdon county, to blow in about January 1.

The work of erecting the new rolling mill of the Glasgow Iron Company, at Glasgow, Montgomery county, is progressing favorably. The frame work will be put up in a short time.

Ainey's Furnace, Lehigh county, it is reported, will soon resume operations.

All the iron works in Danville, except the old National, are in full operation.

The new fire brick works at Lewistown have gone into operation.

### VIRGINIA.

The Bell Isle Works, Richmond, are running to full capacity. The Tredegar has not been doing much the last few months, but prospects are good for the winter.

### OHIO.

A firm in Ohio is making gravestones and monuments from zinc.

Messrs. Pratt & Armstrong of Cleveland have recently furnished a steam drill and other mining machinery to be used in the Utah silver mines of a company recently organized in this city.

### KANSAS.

The Kansas Rolling Mill Company have leased, put in perfect running order, and started, the Topeka Rolling Mill, at North Topeka, Kansas; have also nearly completed a large mill at Rosedale, Kansas, on the line of the Missouri River, Fort Scott and Gulf Railway, and will be prepared in a few weeks to furnish 150 tons of rails per day. Mr. A. B. Stone, of New York, president of the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company, the Union Rolling Mill Company, of Chicago, the American Bridge Company, and other corporations, is also president of the Kansas Rolling Mill Company. Col. W. H. Harris, of Kansas City, is vice-president and general manager, and Ira Harris, Jr., of Kansas City, is secretary. The general office of the company is located at Kansas City, Mo.—*American Manufacturing Journal*.

### INDIANA.

The advance in miners' wages in the block coal regions of Indiana, which took place on the 1st instant, has had the effect of bringing miners to that district from other localities.

### MISSOURI.

Messrs. Shulte & Gray, of East St. Louis, have purchased the foundry in the southern part of Carondelet, formerly owned by Meierpeter & Lawlin. The works have been thoroughly repaired and put in operation.

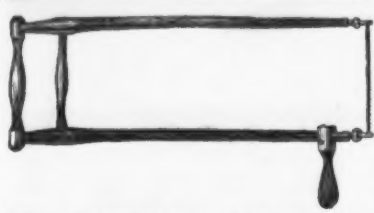
*Mines, Metals and Arts*, of the 25th, says that the St. Louis Bolt and Iron Co.'s works are running the large mill full day turn on flat-plate orders, and double turn on small mill on bar, chain-irons, spikes and bolt rods. The spike and bolt department is full of work. The large mill has a capacity of 32 tons double turn; small mill, 15 tons, 1000 bolts and 150 kegs spikes of various kinds, are the ordinary limit. The mill runs heavily on railway, street railway and boat spikes, etc.

St. Louis papers are rejoicing over the good water in the Ohio River. A consequence of the good condition of the river is a low rate of freight, and goods from Wheeling and Pittsburgh "are coming on in immense quantities." A steamer left St. Louis on the 20th ult. for Pittsburgh with 900 tons of Iron Mountain pig metal.

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O'Brien & Bro., of St. Louis, have a job for the Topeka Rolling Mill. It is a long connecting pipe. Also the cold blast pipes and ladles for the Vulcan Bessemer Steel Works, at Carondelet.





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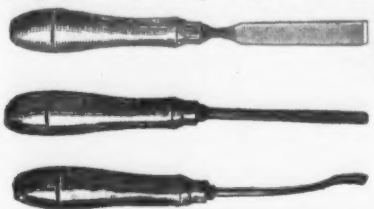
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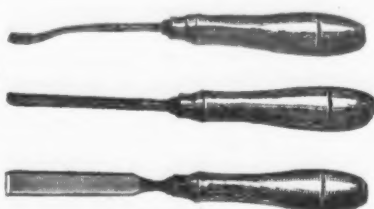
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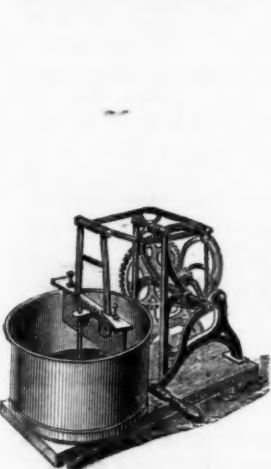
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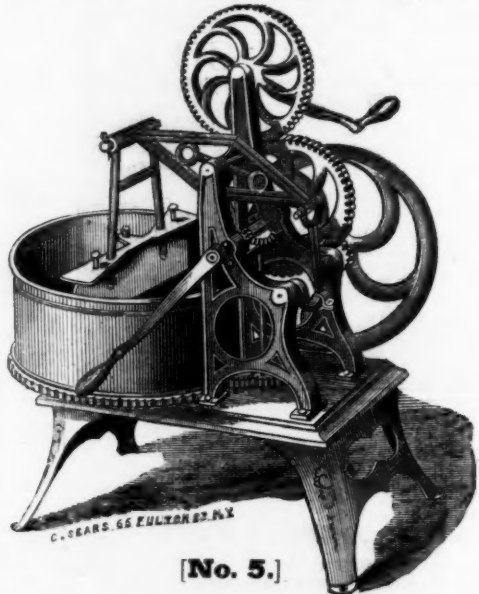
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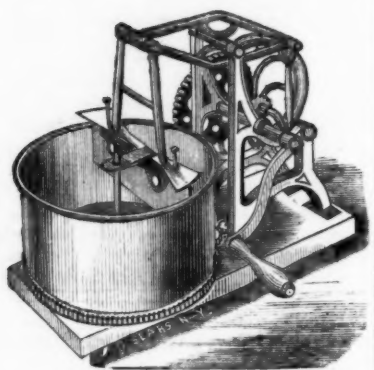
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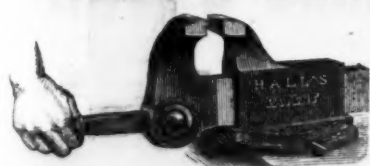
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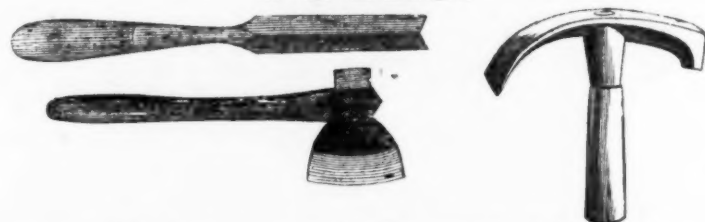
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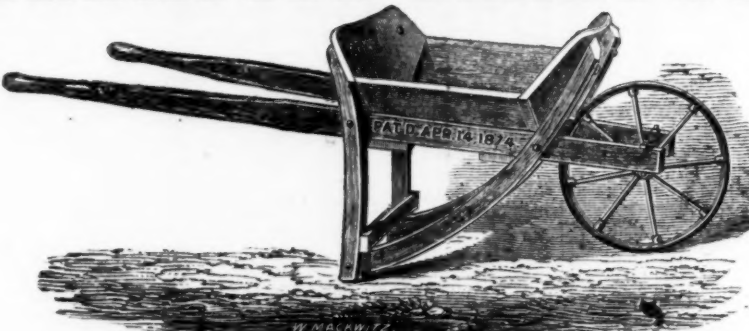


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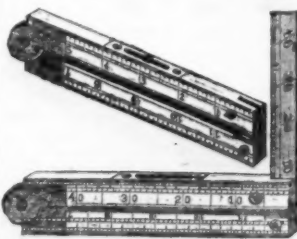
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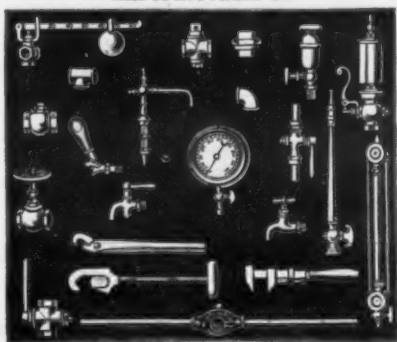


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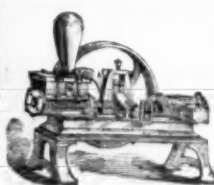
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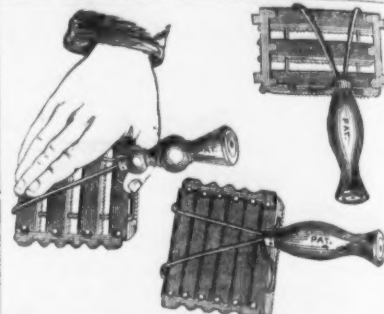
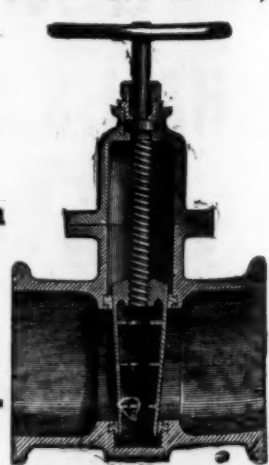
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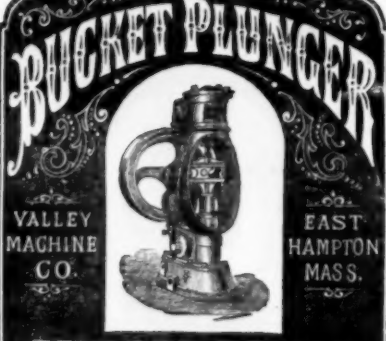
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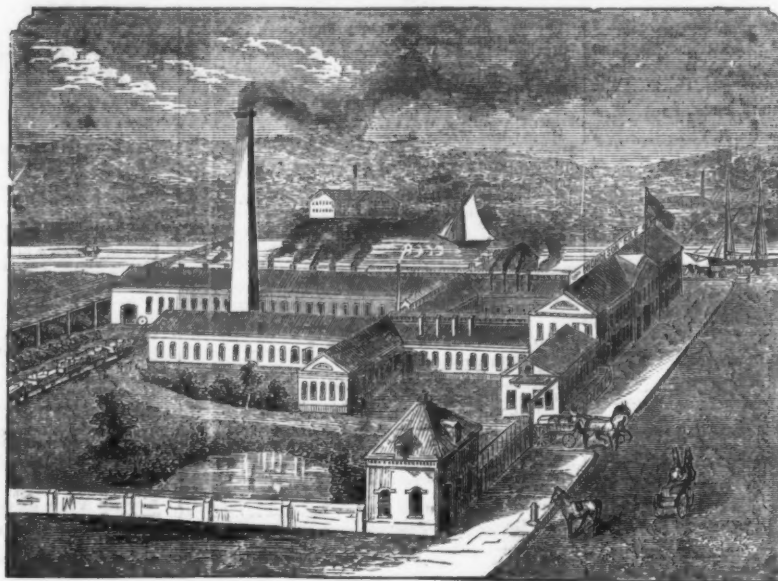
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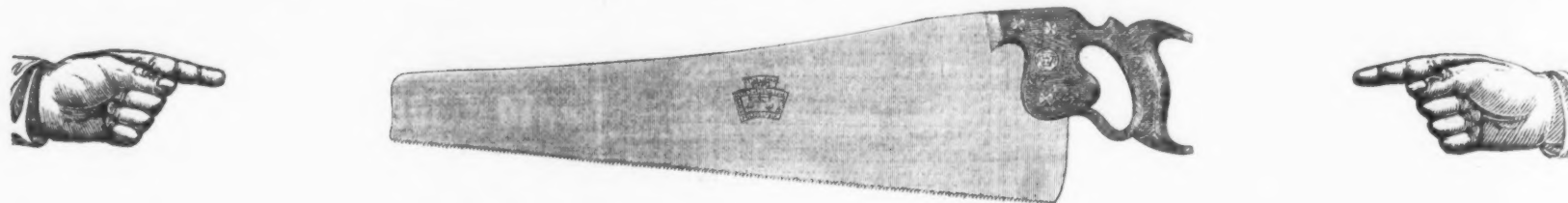
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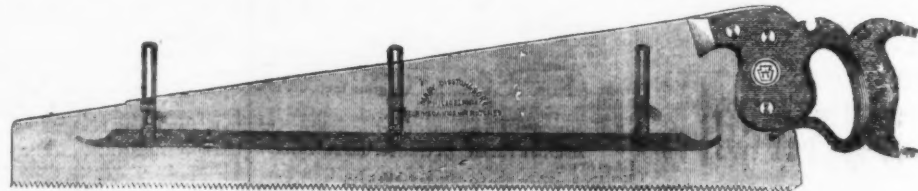


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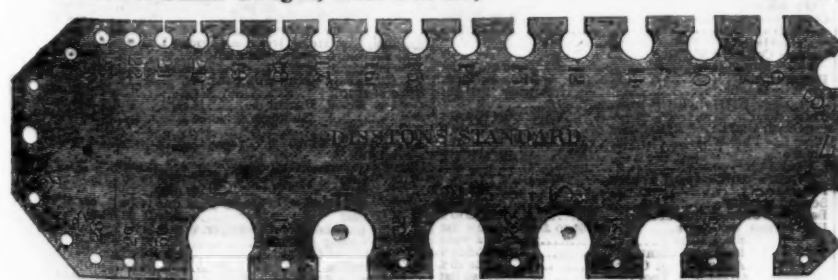
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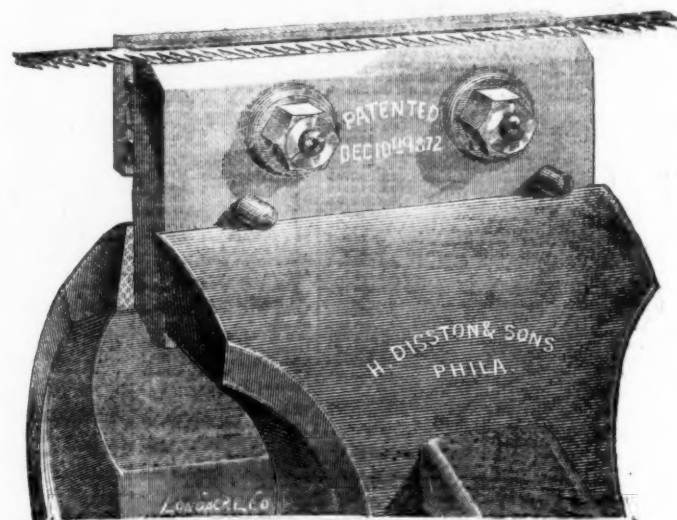
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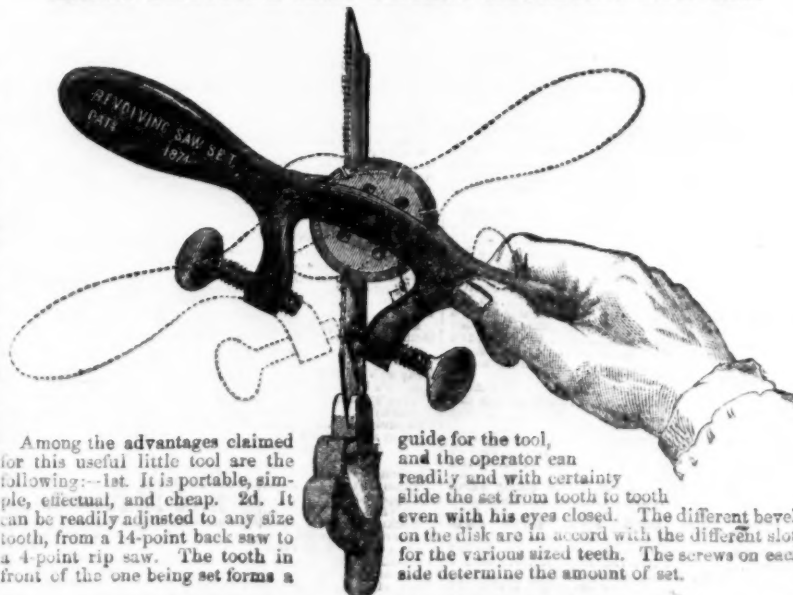
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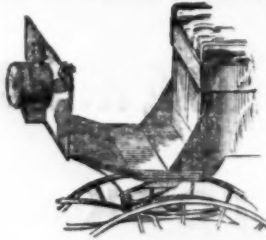


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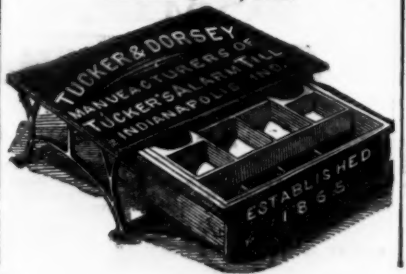


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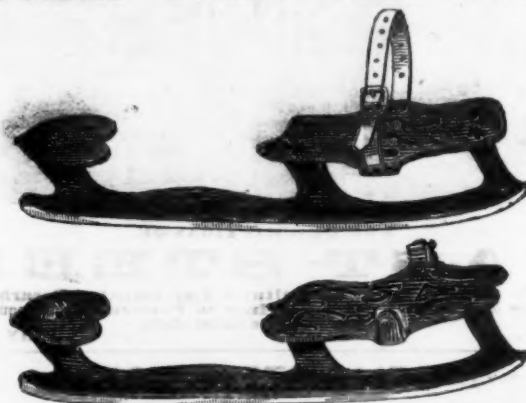
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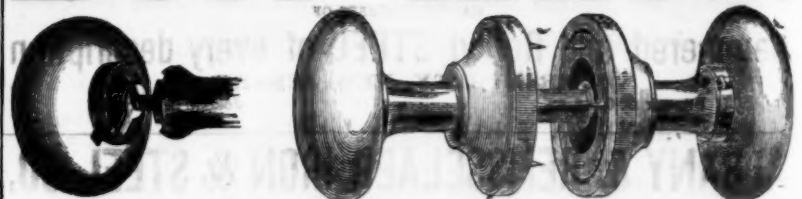
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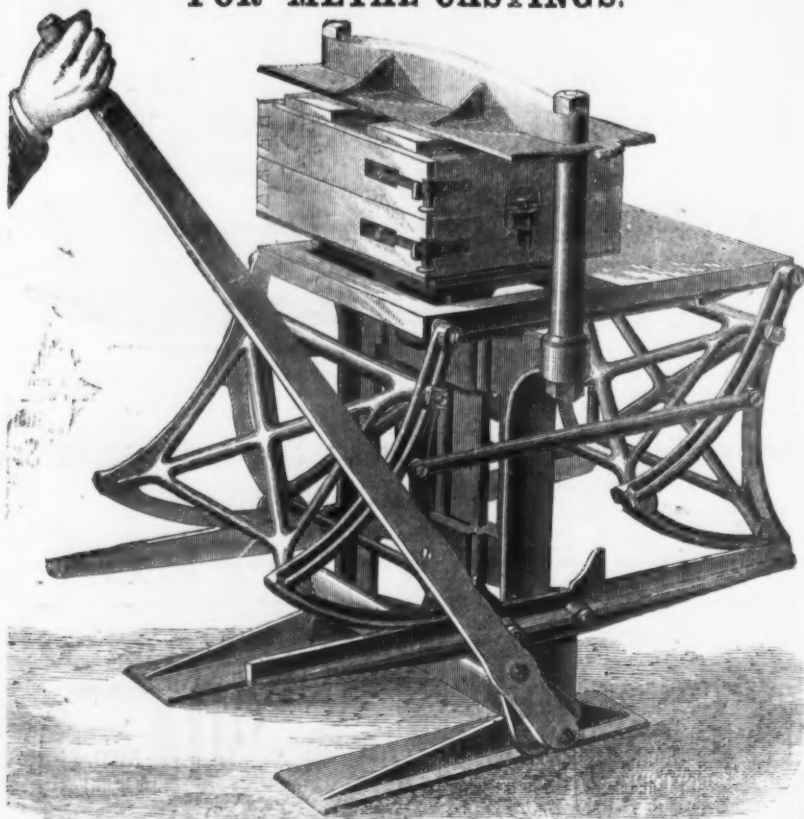
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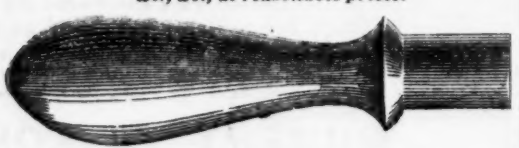


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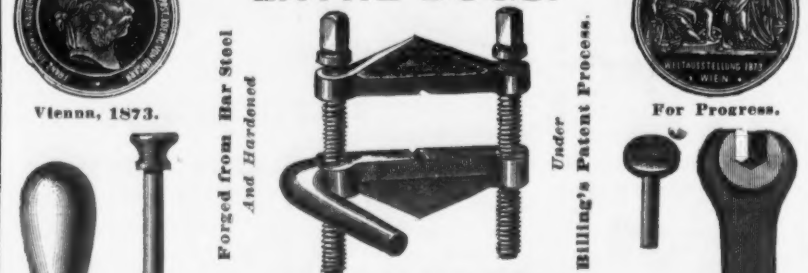
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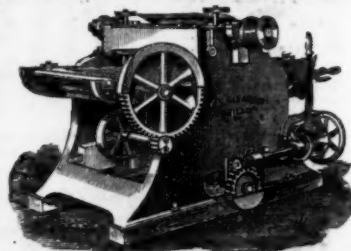
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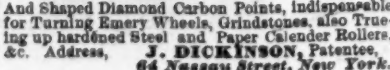
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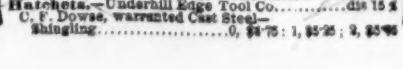


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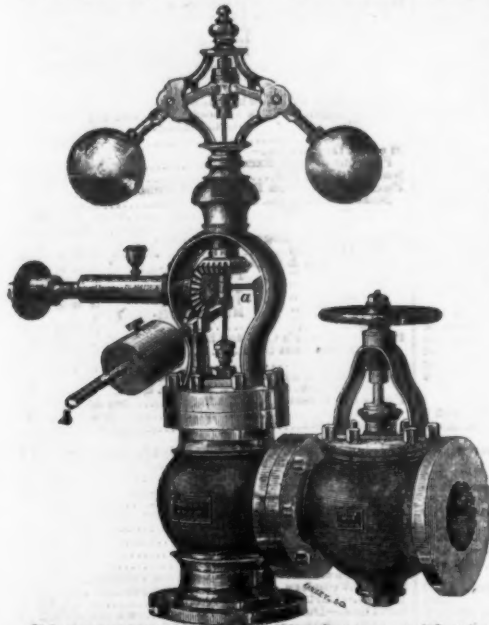
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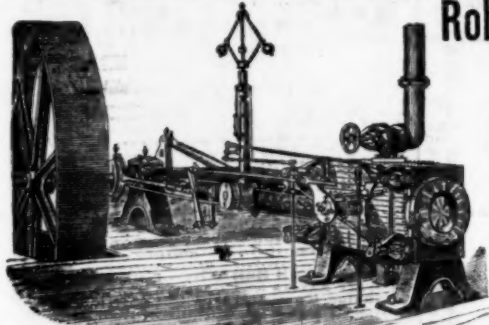
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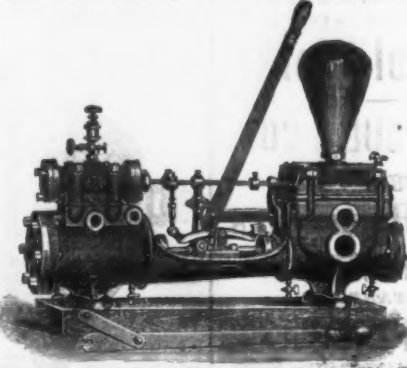
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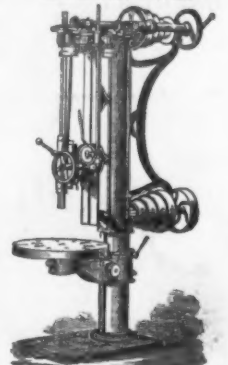


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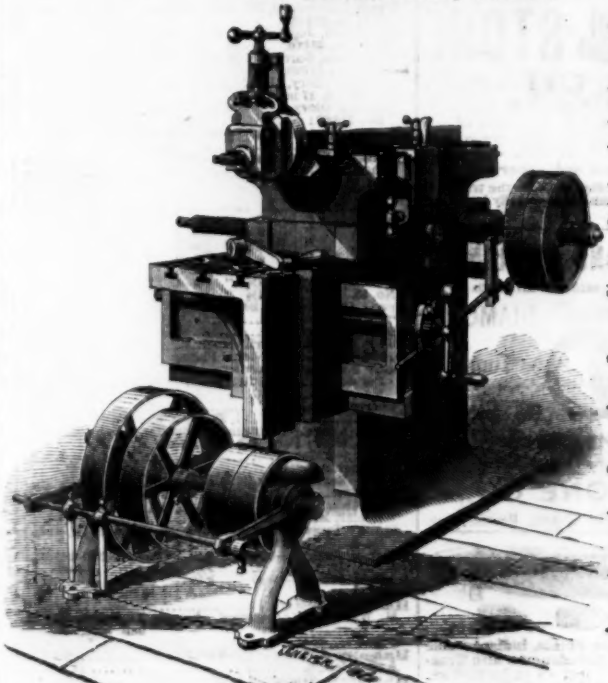
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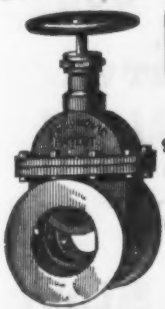
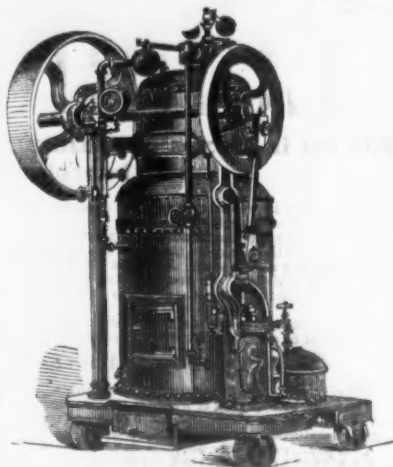
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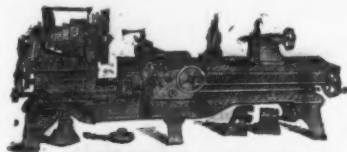
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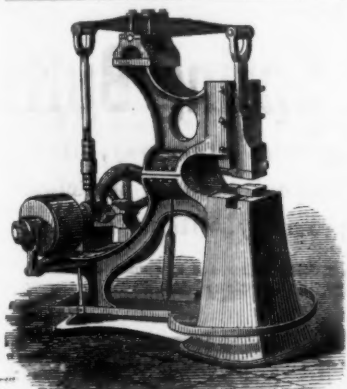
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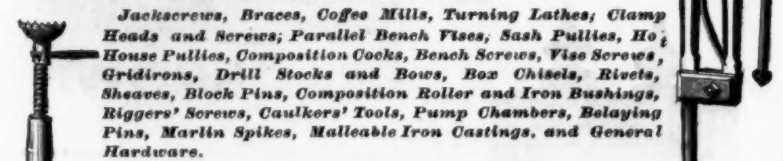
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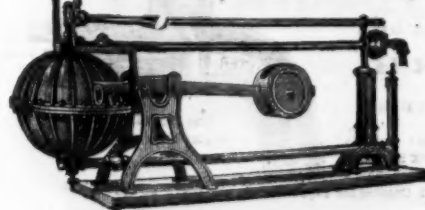
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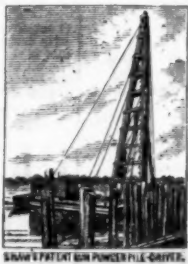
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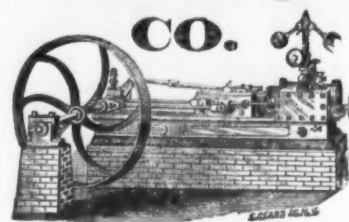
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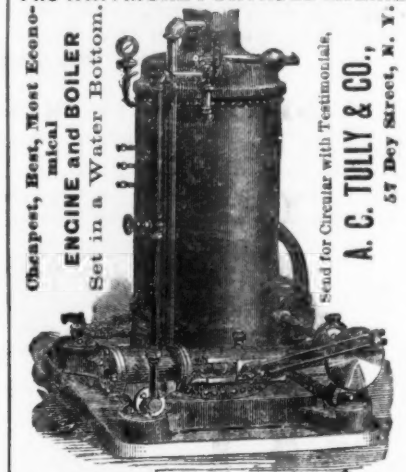
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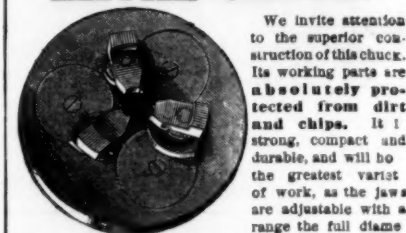
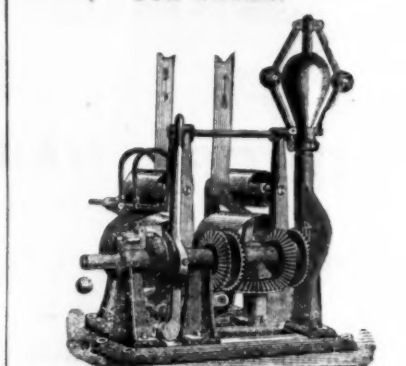
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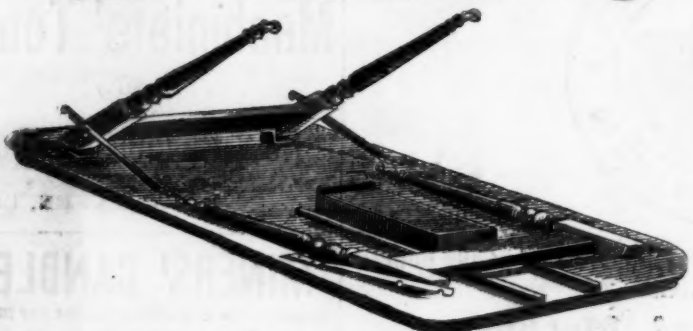
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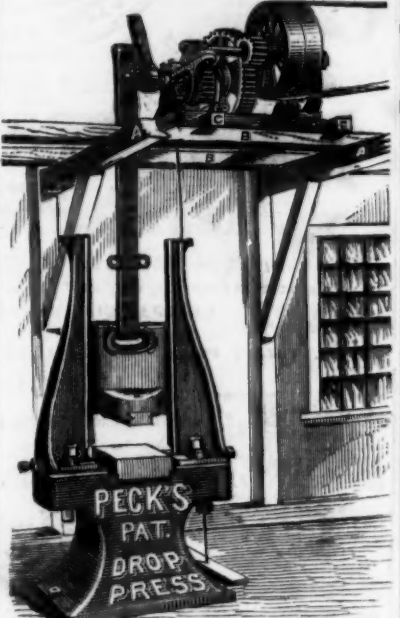
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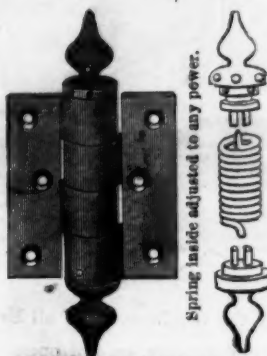
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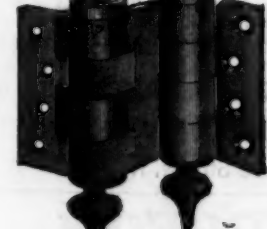
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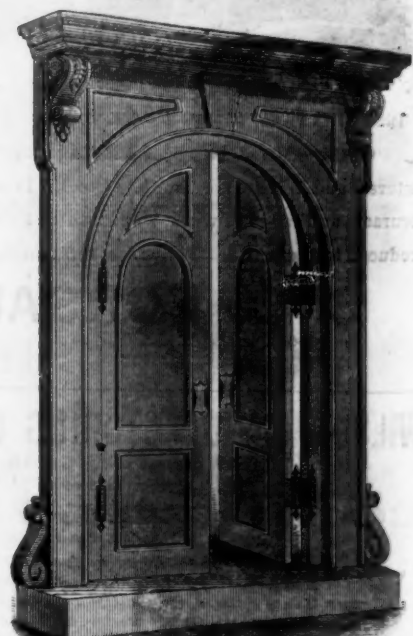
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